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Hannah (arm raised)  
takes the plaudits  
of the crowd at  
Weymouth, after  
she and Saskia had  
received their  
Olympic silver  
medals.

## DINAS POWYS PREPARES TO WELCOME OLYMPIC HEROINE

# Hannah lands silver in Wales' record haul!

**H**ANNAH MILLS, from Dinas Powys, won a silver medal at the Olympic Games – contributing to Wales' biggest-ever haul in sport's greatest festival.

Hannah and fellow team member Saskia Clark took part in the 470 sailing class at Weymouth. Although Hannah, aged 24, was "gutted" to have missed out on gold, it was one of Wales' record seven medals in an Olympic Games.

Hannah and Saskia crossed the finishing line last Friday, August 10, in second position in the decisive race – with New Zealand taking gold.

People in Dinas Powys can't wait to welcome Hannah and her family home.

At The Star public house in the centre of the village, where Hannah's brother Michael once

served behind the bar, there was mounting excitement, as the girl from Dinas Powys closed in on a medal.

The Star's landlord, Michael Farrell, said: "We're looking forward to having a glass of wine with the family when they return home."

"It was a big talking point in the pub last week, as each race took place."

"It's a great achievement and people in the village are thrilled."

The chief executive of the Welsh Yachting Association, Steven Morgan, said it was astonishing that Hannah and Saskia, a relatively new sailing team, had achieved so much in a short time.

"Since the partnership was announced in March 2011, they have won medals around the world on the ISAF Grand Prix circuit. To become the World Champions and to win an Olympic medal in the same year

is a fantastic achievement!"

Dr Huw Jones, of Sport Wales, said Hannah, who honed her skills on Llanishen reservoir, provided proof that good support at grass roots level could lead to success in major sporting events.

"Hannah's achievements are such a boost to sport in Wales, particularly female sport, and show how hard work and dedication can take you from sailing at the local club to the podium on the highest level of all."

"Hannah, along with Saskia Clark, really proved their world-class quality with such consistency during the competition."

"Coming just hours after Jade Jones scooped a historic medal in her sport, Hannah's achievements added to the feel-good factor we have all embraced."

Hannah now has to decide whether to commit herself to competing in the Rio de Janeiro Games in 2016.

REPORT by  
TIM CHAPMAN

## TOWN CENTRE PROPOSAL

A housing association wants to redevelop a familiar building in Thompson Street. Local people have been invited to a consultation event. To find out more about the proposal, please turn to page 4.

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## EISTEDDFOD

'What a treat it turned out to be!'

I FIRST visited the National Eisteddfod on the opening morning, in my quest to take some photographs of this special event in the Vale.

I thought a couple of hours would be enough time to capture the atmosphere and that being a non-Welsh speaker, maybe it wouldn't appeal to me.

How wrong was I. From the minute I passed through the gate, I was greeted with smiling faces and helpful volunteers to give me directions and translations to special events in various marquees when needed.

After the official opening, I joined the Vale of Glamorgan schools, where the singing, in some cases in fancy dress, made for a wonderful start. Parents were able to inform me of the

schools taking part and the content of their presentation. Also, all were eager to have their photographs taken.

So whereas I had planned for a couple of hours, I stayed until 5pm and caught up on that other big national event in London by watching the replays!

Another three visits and I feel I had the whole Welsh feeling of being at the Eisteddfod - more singing, dancing, poetry - all translated on my headset, along with plenty of food choices and shopping.

Finally, believe it or not, I watched S4C at home to enjoy it even more!

If you didn't go to the Eisteddfod, you missed a treat. Well done to all the organisers - and thanks for a very good week. Mike Wilcock Llanblethian

## 'Wheelies cut litter'

HAS anybody else noticed how much rubbish is left on the streets after refuse collections?

I am fed up with coming home from work on a Wednesday evening and finding rubbish strewn over the pavement and road - all left from refuse collections.

Surely, sometime after they have picked up black bags off the streets, there should be a street cleaner following behind (not the following day) picking up the bits of rubbish left behind by the bin men?

As I pay an extortionate rate of council tax, for

my money surely I can expect clean streets on refuse day?

I know there is a seagull problem, but I pay for these services.

There is a solution to the seagull/black bag problem. If the council issued us with black wheelie bins, it would cut down on the amount of bags being ripped open by seagulls, thus cutting down on rubbish being strewn all over the place.

So come on, Vale Council, let's sort this problem out.

Peter Davies, Barry

## LESSONS FOR AIRPORT

I REFER to the response last week from John Turner, after my letter concerning Cardiff Airport was recently published.

Surely Mr Turner is missing the point, and to suggest my wife and I should stay in Wales and not travel abroad, is ridiculous.

Currently, there are over 700,000 passengers from Wales flying in and out of Bristol

Airport every year.

If one then adds to this the thousands of other passengers from Wales using alternative airports like Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton, Manchester etc, the numbers really do add up to make Cardiff Airport viable.

There are probably at least one million passengers who could fly each year out of Cardiff Airport, but don't, purely on economic grounds (the price of tickets is too high) so they

choose alternative airports.

A few weeks back, it was reported by the BBC 's'Eye on Wales programme' that the Bristol Airport chief executive, Mr Robert Sinclair, wanted to work closely with the Welsh Assembly to promote Bristol Airport as the gateway into Wales.

He said that south Wales was very much part of the catchment area, and he wanted the Welsh Government to view "Bristol Airport as an opportunity, and not a threat".

He then went on to say that he wanted to increase and improve the services that they provide for the Welsh passengers.

It seems to me that this is the calibre of person Cardiff Airport management want if it is to be successful.

There are 3.06 million people currently living in Wales with approximately, two mil-

lion living in south Wales and within a one-hour drive to the airport at Rhosce.

So, therefore, Rhosce Airport is well situated for Wales and Cardiff. David Watson Llantwit Major

## Noisy, but who listens?

I SYMPATHISE with your recent correspondent who complained about the noise on the Waterfront recently, but I fear it is a lost cause; we've endured piped music everywhere for decades now.

Not everyone has the same taste in music, but this noise pollution is indiscriminate and inconsiderate.

Complaints I have made in the past have fallen on deaf ears, which isn't surprising. Tony Robinson, Barry

## THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

### Readers' Letters

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## NEXT, A STATUE OF IOLO IN THE VALE?

FOLLOWING last week's Eisteddfod here in the Vale, I wanted to write to thank all those involved in planning, organising and running such a successful national cultural festival.

It is also important that we secure a local legacy on this in the same way as is planned following the Olympics.

Many people from all parts of the Vale and others across Wales will have spent years in ensuring the Eisteddfod went without a hitch. All should be congratulated on the part they played.

Local fundraising groups raised £315,000 through community initiatives bringing people together from all walks of life to celebrate all things Welsh.

It was a delight to see local schools and teachers central to the celebrations. The former and current administration and officers of the Vale Council need to be recognised for their role.

Landowners and businesses supported the initiative with enthusiasm. Many in Llantwit and Cowbridge will have benefited during the week from the near 140,000 visitors and past experience shows how Eisteddfod goes return to visit attractions in a short time afterwards.

This is an opportunity for those who didn't benefit directly last week.

Returning visitors is one legacy, but I want to use this opportunity to promote another.

We need to secure a permanent statue or artwork of Iolo Morganwg, the inspiration behind the Eisteddfod - and many more things Welsh, here in the Vale. Efforts are already under way to co-ordinate plans for a statue outside the Millennium Centre in Cardiff Bay, which should be welcomed.

However, I use this opportunity to suggest that it be extended to also secure a similar piece of artwork in Cowbridge.

I have no doubt that Eisteddfod fundraisers need a short break but hope that at some stage we can all become active again to continue our celebrations through securing and marking that Eisteddfod legacy here in the Vale with a suitable statue.

I hope such a piece of artwork will help inform and prompt questions amongst future generations to recall the Eisteddfod here in the Vale and the part our forefather played in starting the initiative.

Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale

YN dilyn Eisteddfod y Fro yr wythnos diwethaf, roeddwn am ysgrifennu i ddiolch i bawb wnaeth gynllunio, drefnu a rhedeg gwyl ddiwyllianol genedlaethol mor llwyddiannus. Fel y'i bwriedir ar gyfer y Gemau Olympaidd, mae'n holl bwysig sicrhau etifeddiaeth leol i ni yn yr un modd.

Mae nifer mawr o bobl o bob cwr o'r Fro a ledled Cymru wedi treulio sawl blywydd yn sicrhau y byddai Eisteddfod y Fro yn digwydd heb rwystr. Dylwn ni gannol pawb am y rhan maent wedi'i chwarae.

Cododd pwyllgorau lleol £315,000 trwy fentrau cymunedol a ddaeth â phobl at ei gilydd i ddathlu popeth Cymreig. Roedd yn hyfryd gweld ysgolion ac athrawon lleol yn canolig i'r dathliadau.

Mae angen hefyd cydnabod y weinyddiaeth, y cynweinyddiaeth a swyddogion presennol Cynogor y Fro am eu cyfraniad. Gwnaeth y trefeddiannwyr a'r busnesau gefnogi'r fenter gyda bwrwfyddedd.

Fe fydd nifer yn Llanilltyd Fawr a'r Bonfawen wedi elwa o'r 140,000 o ymwelywyr a ddaeth i'r ardal yn ystod yr wythnos, ac mae profiad blaenorol yn dangos bod eisteddfodwyr yn ailymweld â'r atyniadau yn fuan wedi'r Wyl.

Dyma gyfle i'r rheini na elwodd yn uniongyrchol yr wythnos diwethaf.

Mae ymwelywyr yn dychwelyd i'r ardal yn etifeddiath o un math, ond dw i am ddefnyddio'r cyfle hwn i hyrwyddo etifeddiath arall.

Mae angen sicrhau cerflun barhaol neu waith celf o Iolo Morganwg, yr ysbrydoliaeth i'r Eisteddfod - a nifer mawr o bethau Cymreig eraill, yma yn y Fro. Mae cynlluniau ar y gweill i gydluno gosod cerflun y tu allan i Ganolaf y Mileniwm yn Mae Caerdydd, sydd i'w crowsai.

Fodd bynnag, hoffwn gynnig fod hyn yn cael ei ymestyn i sicrhau gwaith celf tebyg i'r Bonfawen.

Dw i ddim yn amau fod angen i'r rhai wnaeth godi arian at yr Eisteddfod gael hoe, ond dw i'n goeboethu y gallwn ni i gyd barhau â'n dathliadau trwy gadarnhau etifeddiath yr Eisteddfod yn y Fro gyda cherflun addas.

Fy ngobaith yw y bydd y gwaith celf yn helpu i hysbysu ac annog cwestiynau ymysg cenhedloedd y dyfodol i alw i gof yr Eisteddfod yma yn y Fro a'r rhan holl bwysig chwaraeodd ein cyndad i ddechrau'r fenter.

Alun Cairns AS

## Bell tolls for the EU?

ONE OF THE GEM's regular correspondents, Mrs DE Coombes Herridge of Barry, is well known, through The GEM, as an avid and assertive opponent of the EU in all of its manifestations over the years.

No empire lasts forever, and the EU will be no exception. Writing in The GEM eight years ago (January 15, 2004) Mrs Coombes Herridge berated the EU for its "nutty ideas" on straight bananas and cucumbers. (No matter that this interpretation of EU legislation was incorrect).

I have been selected twice as a European parliamentary candidate (for the 1989 and 1994 elections), but even I consider that the bell may finally be tolling for the EU, as we know it, with the probable imminent

collapse of the European currency.

I do recall my old university friend, Lord (Neil) Kinnock, a Vale resident, writing a vitriolic anti-EEC pamphlet with others in the early 1970s (eg Denzil Davies MP) against the institution, and calling for our withdrawal immediately. He was applauded on the Left and vilified by the Right (in political terms).

All that changed when he later became Labour Party leader and then EU commissioner; as he stood his stance on the House of Lords when he and Glenys received peerages.

Mrs Coombes Herridge has remained consistent: Even I admire her for that and, who knows, she may soon see the EU - her pet hate - implode.

What then? What will Mrs C-H have to write about? Let's wait and see!

Christopher Short, Barry

## 'No disrespect was intended'

I BELIEVE that some of your correspondents misunderstand the significance of the "failure" of Welsh players to sing the British national anthem at Olympic football events.

Anyone who lives in Wales and has been to England will have observed the difference between the English and Welsh populations - in terms of how their respective national anthems are treated at public events.

The Welsh national anthem is always sung. When played at a public event, it is simply impossible to prevent people from singing it, such is the pride they feel in it.

'God Save the Queen' is different. It is rarely sung, one of the few exceptions being before a soccer or rugby match when England play another country.

At such events, it denotes England's deter-

mination to do well in competition with other countries.

There is nothing wrong with that.

Look at a British athlete on an Olympic podium, however, and there is no reason to disapprove of Ryan Giggs and co's "failure" to sing the UK anthem.

I have yet to see one English athlete actually singing the British national anthem during a medal ceremony.

Indeed, when Daley Thompson had the temerity to whistle along with it in 1984, he was accused of "disrespect".

I therefore fail to see how standing silently and respectfully through the playing of any national anthem, whether or not it is one you normally sing, is anything to be ashamed of - particularly in players who were courageous enough to go against the wishes of the Welsh FA because they wanted to be part of Team GB.

Deborah Fisher Colwinston

## The children are our future!

I READ with great interest your article 'Stop trying to run our village for free!' (The GEM, August 2).

I am a resident of Rhosce and I am very disappointed that the sports field, golf course, nature reserve information centre and other facilities, which were said to be in the plans, have not transpired.

These things would give great pleasure to the local community and our children need sports fields where they can play without danger.

More houses we do not need, we have enough traffic in Rhosce as it is. Also, your article 'Lido was a jewel in crown' (The GEM, same edition) was also very good.

I am a previous Barry

resident and both my children spent many happy fun-filled days down at the Knap Lido. It was a huge blow to the people of Barry and surrounding towns when the lido was closed.

What is to become of our youngsters without such facilities?

I hope our local council has the presence of mind to think about what Rhondda Cynon Taff Council has decided to do for its community.

Please, don't let Rhosce and Barry become places that nobody wants to come to. Consider the public when drawing up plans for the future.

Last, but not least, what a fantastic and informative local paper The GEM is! Teresa Lomax, Rhosce

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 23)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
16 Thur	06.22	8.8	18.39	9.2
17 Fri	07.01	9.3	19.18	9.6
18 Sat	07.37	9.7	19.55	9.9
19 Sun	08.17	9.9	20.33	10.2
20 Mon	08.55	9.9	21.11	10.1
21 Tues	09.29	9.8	21.47	9.9
22 Wed	10.14	9.8	22.33	9.7
23 Thur	10.54	9.4	23.14	9.2

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# 'Don't make Vale's seabirds the enemy'

- CALL BY LOCAL BIRD LOVERS

**TWO local people in Barry have been in touch with The GEM to emphasise that local bird life must not be demonised.**

In recent months, readers have complained about seagulls ripping up sacks of litter, and in one case, a letter writer complained that a seagull had dived into her pond and flown off with a fish!

However, Anne Gwilliam, who describes

**REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN**

herself as an "unbiased bird-loving Barrian" got in touch to respond to letter writers who had branded local birds "a nuisance" and says she is worried that an atmosphere of intolerance might be developing.

Anne explained: "First of all, it bears mentioning that the birds that nest and roost on and around the buildings in Barry are herring gulls, not seagulls.

"An article in the RSPB autumn magazine states that herring gulls are on the UK list of threatened species due to 'widespread environmental damage'.

"The herring gulls' natural environment is being affected by the wasteful world we humans have created.

"While this serious decline in a bird species may be music to the ears of a few disgruntled people who have problems with their neighbours and hate 'sea rats' - as one letter writer called them - we should remember that Barry is a seaside town with, *surprise, surprise...* seaside birds!

"The majority of Barry residents like myself are probably not bothered by the herring gulls and accept them as part of nature, like all the other wildlife along the Heritage Coastline.

"But it is sadly typical that a minority of intolerant people would like to pick and choose what types of birds they have living in their area.

"I'd say to those people: If you don't like sea

birds then don't live by the seaside!"

**'KICKED'**

Theresa Branton of Rhose, said she had been appalled recently to see a woman encouraging children in Barry to kick pigeons.

"This took place in Holton Road. The woman was telling her children, or grandchildren, they could kick the pigeons.

"We are all guilty of making these birds 'vermin' by dropping food everywhere.

"There shouldn't be food in black bags, it should be going out with the recycling.

"It's the second time I have had to challenge someone for trying to kick a pigeon in Holton Road. I told a man off for doing the same thing."

Theresa insisted that if people followed the council's procedure for recycling, a lot of the problems with local birds would be solved.

*The Vale Council advises people not to feed gulls or pigeons, because it can lead large numbers of birds to relocate from their natural habitat.*

## Club welcomes new members

**THE Penarth and Llantwit Major Hard of Hearing Club** enjoyed a lovely social lunch recently at the Cwm Ciddy Lodge, Barry.

Penarth Hard of Hearing Club meet at the Trinity Methodist Church, Woodlands Place, on the first Monday of every month (second Monday if there is a bank holiday) at 2pm.

To join this club and

enjoy social events, contact: Mrs Josie Perkin-Huxter on 01446 751707, or Mr Roy Edmunds 01656 890503 for Llantwit Major.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm in Bethel Baptist Church, Llantwit Major.

We welcome any new members and friends are also welcome.

ANN MURPHY, Wales Council for Deaf People.

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*Crew and cast filming on the beach in Porthkerry. (Pictures by Mission Photographic).*

## YMCA puts young actors in the picture

**YOUNG actors in Barry spent part of their summer break working on a short film that will be broadcast by the BBC later this year.**

When word went around about the film, more than 250 young hopefuls turned up at Barry YMCA for the auditions.

Another 50 put themselves forward to be involved in the production as crew and production members.

Mike Smith, of Barry YMCA, told The GEM: "The response we had was fantastic. Unfortunately, there were not enough roles to go round, but we are planning similar projects in the future."

The film was part of the 'It's My Shout' series, which started life some years ago as a summer offshoot from the Bridgend Youth Theatre, run by the theatre's director, Roger Burnell.

Roger told The GEM that it had always involved shooting six short films, using local actors. Originally, those films were shown on ITV, but the project had moved to the BBC in recent years.

Films were now shot all around Wales, but this year was the first to join up with a Barry group - in this case the YMCA.

Mike Smith said: "In the end, the cast ranged from aged five to aged 80! They were all local people with no previous experience."

The only professional actor was Jan Anderson,



*A young zombie catcher with his prey.*

who has worked on *Casualty* and *Torchwood*, and who has been working recently in America.

The film is a tale about a world in which zombies are kept as pets, and is written by David Melkevik and directed by Miguela Gonzalez.

It was shot over three days in July, using Barry locations, including Porthkerry.

Mike Smith added: "We are planning to work with It's My Shout again, and we are also planning other projects to tie in with our TV studio, which should be open in the near future."

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# Consultation keen to hear *your* opinions... Is this facade the 21st century face of Thompson St?

by TIM  
CHAPMAN

A housing association says it hopes to redevelop the site of the former Vale Magistrates' Court in Thompson Street, Barry.

Five years ago, there was a successful campaign to keep the court open after it was threatened with closure because the Court Service saw it as a location that might be surplus to requirements – but last November, the axe fell once and for all.

Now Newydd Housing Association has stepped in proposing a mixed use site of shops and flats.

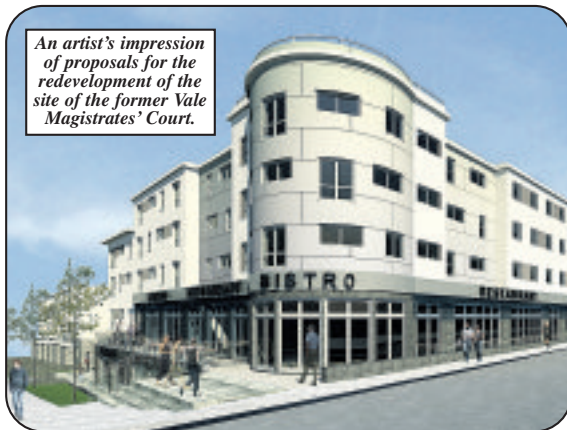
Paul Roberts, the chief executive of Newydd said: "We are very excited about the opportunities this new development will offer local people in terms of job creation, affordable homes as well as the regeneration of Barry."

"We urge local people to voice their opinion so that we can modify plans accordingly."

Newydd say they would like to see 52 flats and 13,000 square feet dedicated to retail space. In the illustration released by the housing association, it imagines a restaurant being one of the tenants.

Nick Frangoulis, who owns a shop on Thompson Street just a few yards from the site, and is also chairman of the local traders, said it was good something was

An artist's impression of proposals for the redevelopment of the site of the former Vale Magistrates' Court.



happening at last because it wasn't good to have a major building in the town lying idle.

"I'll be popping my head round the door at the consultation event to see what's planned. It is important it includes the right mix of uses – I'm pleased to see that part of it is for retail."

Mr Frangoulis said he hoped to find out more about the fine detail of the development at the consultation.

The consultation takes place at the former court site on Wednesday, August 22 from 8am to 10am, 12pm to 2pm and 4pm to 7pm.

There will be an opportunity to view detailed drawings and 3D models of the proposals at the consultation event.

Newydd anticipate putting a formal planning application to the Vale Council in the autumn.

## Local councillor urges public for 'cemetery' views

A BARRY town councillor has urged local residents to have their say on the future of Cemetery Approach.

Coun Robert Bertin said: "It is important that as many people as possible have a say about the future of this land and I am pleased that 'Save Cemetery Approach' managed to persuade the Vale Council to consult with us on this matter."

"As a member of the Barry Town Council I would like to add my voice and support to take over the running of the two parcels of land at this prominent site."

"There are a number of options to consider, but the two I would like to see are an open community space and ecological garden with the trees on the avenue also improved."

"It is important that this work is carried out in conjunction with not only Barry Town Council but with the Save the Cemetery Approach group, Groundwork Wales and local residents."

People can have their say either by going online at: [www.vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk/consultation), or by contacting the Vale Council direct on 01446 700111.

## Youngsters tackle a horror spoof

B A R R Y Comprehensive School's drama club were armed with pitchforks, as they saw the year out with their adaptation of the classic *Young Frankenstein*.

The production took place in the drama studio to full audiences on July 9 and 10 and the young actors were commended on their hilarious performance.

A school spokesperson said: "Over the last three months, the KS3 drama club has been hard at work, re-writing and adapting the script from this well-known comedy, and creating an entertaining and original piece of drama."

"Audiences saw performances from new and familiar faces from years



*The Monster* (Dan Broadbent).

7, 8 and 9 who we are sure will grace our stage many more times over the forthcoming years."

Teacher Mrs Ellis commented: "It was my privilege and pleasure to work with this talented group of students and I look forward to what lies ahead next year for KS3 drama club."

## Students produce record of wartime memories

ST CYRES sixth formers and their headteacher, Dr Jonathan Hicks, recently presented a copy of their booklet *We Got By* to Katherine Owen and Alison Singleton of Barry Library.

The booklet is an illustrated collection of the memories of people interviewed by the sixth formers over the course of two days at the recent 'Wartime Weekend' event in Barry which was part-funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Vale Council and many private sponsors.

Head boy Marcus Hicks said: "We were able to record the recollections of many people who lived through the Second World War."

"They told us all about being an evacuee, the American troops based in Barry and what the bombing raids were like."

Head girl Eloise Johnson was fascinated by the stories she was told: "It was really inter-



ABOVE:

St Cyres students left to right: Marcus Hicks (head boy), Eloise Johnson (head girl), Matthew Johnson (deputy head boy), Sam Berg and Rohaan Saleem; along with Dr Hicks, Katherine Owen (senior librarian) and Alison Singleton (library manager).

esting listening to the memories of the people we interviewed, including my grandmother, and we all learnt so much."

"I am delighted that we were able to produce this document as a lasting legacy of the Wartime Weekend," added Dr Hicks, "and I would like to thank everyone who gave up their time to take part in this project."

"Two of the people interviewed did not leave their names with the students, and if they would like to contact me at St Cyres School, I can add them to the booklet."

"One was a lady from Barry whose father was a firewatcher and whose aunt lived in Church Road in Cadroxton."

"The second was a lady from Penarth who remembered the barrage balloon in St Cyres Road

and who went to Victoria School. We would very much like to hear from them so we can send them typed copies of their interviews."

The booklet is available for viewing in the reference section of the library and will provide an important permanent personal insight into the experiences of local people during WW2.

## Beauty Basics evening boosts Karen's Cause



From left to right: The Beauty Basics team, Chloe Taylor, Sarah Brown, Rebecca Van Praag, Danielle Poole, Jodie Underdown and Mandy Baird. PHOTOGRAPH by ANDY WICKS

An open evening was held at Beauty Basics on Broad Street, Barry recently to raise funds for the Karen's Cause Charity Appeal.

Staff, guests and clients met informally over a drink to discuss all the latest beauty innovations and treatments available at the salon.

Karen Holroyd, who inspired Karen's Cause which aims to bring a highly sophisticated cancer machine to Wales, told The GEM: "I would just like to say a massive thank you to Rebecca and Sarah and their team at Beauty Basics for helping raise money for Karen's Cause."

"They have supported the cause since it was first set up and it is great to see people continuing to support us now we are a registered charity."

"We have our first charity ball coming up in October with The Underdogs playing live along with a DJ and auction prizes including a dress donated by Charlotte Church and hope that many people will support us at this event and make our first ever charity ball a great success."

The GEM will supply more details of the charity ball nearer the event.

## Family's plea: 'Please find our missing tortoise'

A family in Barry hope someone will return their nine-year-old horsefield tortoise which went missing a couple of weeks ago.

Karen Berry told The GEM: "It went missing from my son's house in Cross Street. Someone said they had seen it come out of the back lane leading from his garden and emerge on St Mary's Avenue."

"A man then picked the tortoise up and said it was his."

"I am making a heartfelt plea to the individual who took it and also to the residents of Barry on behalf of my son and his

family, and in particular for my three-year old granddaughter, for any information on his whereabouts and safe return to his rightful family."

"He was a much loved family pet and he will be missing his familiar environment."

"He was one of a pair and his brother has been understandably distressed since he was taken."

"It has also been very difficult trying to explain to a three year old why her tortoise has gone."

Karen would be grateful if any GEM readers with information would get in touch with her on 01446 744702.

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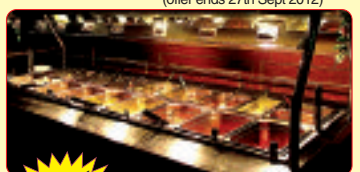
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# Community remembers Hannah with a fundraiser

THE Bassett community is holding a fundraising afternoon on Sunday, August 26, in memory of a young Barry girl, Hannah Dimond, who was helped so much at Ty Hafan.

All the proceeds will go to the charity.

The organiser, Lisa Eveleigh explained: "I got the idea of a fun day after my step-daughter Natalia, who runs Beautylicious, held a sponsored waxing.

"We thought we could raise funds for Ty Hafan in memory of Hannah, and also improve the profile of the Bassett area.

"It used to have a reputation as a rough area, but that it old history now and there is a new optimism."

Lisa's husband Karl, who is Bassett-born and bred, emphasised: "At one time in the 1980s, it wasn't the nicest of areas, but it is totally different now. There is a



*There's a strong community spirit in the Bassett area of Barry and later this month residents and businesses are holding a fun day to raise funds for Ty Hafan hospice.*

strong community spirit and people look out for their neighbours."

Hannah's father Steve Dimond, lives in Southey Street off Gladstone Road, but he grew in the Bassett area and has given the event his blessing.

He said: "Ty Hafan helped Hannah so much – they do amazing work."

"Hannah passed away in hospital at just four-and-a-half years of age, but prior to that she had spent time in Ty Hafan where the staff were

wonderful."

Local businesses will take part in the fundraising day and the local park will be used. There will be stocks, a bouncy castle, a raffle, beat the goalie, tin can alley, a barbecue and refreshments.

## Local woman tells of wartime experiences

AT their monthly meeting on August 9, Sully U3A welcomed local resident, Eileen Younghusband, who gave a fascinating talk about her experiences during the Second World War.

Eileen has had a full and eventful life. She was born in London in 1921 and at just 18, she joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) where her

mathematical skills were quickly recognised.

During World War Two, she was one of a group of women who played a crucial role in Fighter Command's underground Filter Room.

During long shifts under enormous pressure, she and her companions worked tirelessly, tracking the relentless enemy aircraft attacks that Hitler hoped would break Britain's spirit.

After her wartime service, Eileen had a successful career in hotel management and catering, ran a variety of businesses – and at the age of 87, she graduated from the Open University.

She has also written books and appeared on radio and television.

The next meeting will be on September 13 at 2pm at The Old School, Sully, when new members are welcome. SC

## Family service

All Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding a family service on Sunday, August 26, at 10 am – on the theme of 'Putting on the Armour of God'.

The worship will be suitable for all ages and refreshments are served after the service. All are welcome.



*The walkers take a break.*

## Barry Town Mayor's coastal charity trek

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword, recently organised a sponsored charity walk along the coastal path, starting at Llantwit Major and finishing at Barry Island.

The walk was held in aid of the Mayor's chosen charities, which are Ty Hafan and Teenage

Cancer Trust Unit Wales.

The mayor has thanked those who took part in the walk and also Mr Ivor Davies (CAVRA), Mr Bryan Foley (Barry Ambulance First Responder Scheme), Flt. Lt Jason Horton 372 (Barry) Sqn and Mr Gwyn Teague, public rights of way officer (Vale Council) for their assistance and support during the walk.

The Wales Coastal Path has been developed by the Welsh Government in partnership with Countryside Council of Wales (CCW), 16 local authorities and two National Parks.

## Bridgend Adoption Centre Open Day

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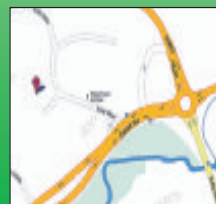
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# BARRY MEDICS' TEAM SCOOPS TOP AWARD



*Dilwyn Evans, WAS non-executive; Jo Paskell, emergency medical technician; Stuart Fletcher, WAS chair; Jon Hubbard, paramedic; Alison Paul, clinical control centre allocator; Michael Williams, Gail Williams Award sponsor, and daughters Megan and Sioned; Howard Provis and Bryan Foley, Barry community first responders; and Theresa Ross, clinical control centre allocator.*

A TEAM of Barry medics received one of the top awards at the recent Welsh Ambulance Service (WAS) Gail Williams Awards 2012, which celebrate those in the profession who excel at their job in a tough situation.

Paramedic Jon Hubbard, emergency medical technician (EMT) Jo Paskell, clinical control centre allocator Alison Paul and call-taker Theresa Ross, together with Barry community first responder (CFR) Bryan Foley and Howard Provis, were all nominated by paramedic Robin Peterson to receive one of the 'highly commended' runners up awards.

The ambulance service received a 999 call reporting that a 44-year-old man was in cardiac arrest, and while Theresa provided CPR instructions over the

phone to the patient's wife, CFR Bryan Foley was alerted to the call and, with quick thinking, contacted CFR Howard Provis, who lives in the next street, to the incident location.

Howard arrived very quickly and started CPR, and was joined shortly after by CFR Bryan and rapid response vehicle (RRV) paramedic Jon Hubbard.

Jon provided defibrillation for the patient and after further CPR the patient recovered.

Robin Peterson and Jo Paskell were in the area and, having recognised that they were the nearest ambulance crew, Alison asked them to attend and transport the patient to the University Hospital of Wales, where he went on to make a full recovery.

The overall winners, nominated by Air Ambulance manager Jason Williams for their clinical excellence in attending to a mine collapse in Glyn Neath in the Swansea Valley, were paramedics

Chris Connor and Jason Hughes and pilot Captain Grant Elgar who are based at the Swansea Airbase of the Wales Air Ambulance.

The other 'highly commended' runners up award was presented to CFR Mark Rutherford from Brecon in Powys, nominated by First Responder Officer, Steve Roberts.

Mark set up the CFR team covering the Brecon area, raising more than £3,000 in the process. Mark has worked with his Army colleagues in the Brecon area to provide a CFR team to the community based at the Sennybridge Army ranges.

WAS Chief Executive, Elwyn Price-Morris, said: "This year's nominations were of a truly high standard and each of the individuals recommended to the short-listing panel had provided first class care and assistance to patients."

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## Teacher signs off with her last Teddy Bears' picnic!

THE nursery and infant department at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School ended the summer term with a Teddy Bears' picnic.

Staff and pupils brought their teddies to school for this fun-filled activity. It is an annual charitable event to raise money for Action Medical Research,

although this year's was held indoors due to the weather.

Reception teacher, Mrs Linda Forrester, has been a committee member of this charity for many years and was delighted that the event raised £100, which she presented to Mrs Paula Martyn, chairperson of the Barry committee.

Mrs Forrester said she was sad that, after organising many

Teddy Bears' Picnics over the years, this was her last one before her retirement, though she was looking forward to continuing to support this excellent charity.

Mrs Forrester also gave a big thank you to Tesco, Culverhouse Cross, for donating the picnic food.

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## Regeneration of Cosmeston medieval village continues

A PROMINENT member of the Friends of Cosmeston Medieval Village Trust (FCMVT) has spoken out to calm fears that the regeneration of the village had stalled.

The demolition of outbuildings, once used to house some of the livestock that lived at the attraction, sparked fears that further cuts were being made following on from staff cuts reported in The GEM earlier this year.

But Tracey Alexander, one of the founder mem-

bers of the trust, has stated that their partnership with the Vale Council is moving forward as planned and that the removal of the outbuildings was part of a continued regeneration of the site.

She told The GEM: "They [the Vale Council] haven't been demolishing buildings, they've been tidying things up."

"The outer buildings were now against health and safety regulations so they have been demolished and work started on bringing the park in line with modern rulings."

"We now have another meeting with the Vale Council in September to see where we can go next in terms of work."

Ms Alexander also spoke about FCMVT's next move in terms of establishing itself as a charitable body. She said that £5,000 needed to be raised in order to register themselves as a charity, and that fundraising

would begin in due course.

A meeting will take place today (August 16) at Cosmeston (12pm) with the Glamorgan and Gwent Archaeological Trust, who originally carried out the archaeological work on the site, with a view to striking a partnership with them going forward in renovating the village.

She also stressed that she wishes to contact the archaeological team at Cardiff University, who currently handle work at the village, with a view to doing the same.

Coun Gwyn John, Vale Council cabinet member for leisure, parks, culture and sports development, said: "The Medieval Village at Cosmeston Lakes Country Park is very much alive and kicking."

"Senior parks management, in partnership with Tracy Alexander and Valerie Poole, have been looking at ways to enhance the visitor experience at this exciting heritage site."

"The Glamorgan and Gwent Archaeological Trust will be meeting parks manager Steve Latham and Tracey Alexander to discuss further."

"Extensive health and safety work has been carried out in the village over the past two months, one rotten wooden building and fence line has been removed as a danger to the public, pathways have been resurfaced, walls repaired and gates replaced. This has all been made possible with the aid of the Cardiff and Vale National Health Trust volunteers."

"The village is open to the public daily, free of charge, and an informative audio tour can be hired for £3.50. We also offer costumed guided tours to schools and pre booked parties at a nominal fee."

Leigh Gruffydd Sanders

## LOCAL FIRM'S AWARD

Harris Pye Group, the global maritime, offshore oil and gas and associated onshore industrial engineering company, has been shortlisted, with three other companies, in the Exporter of the Year category, sponsored by HSBC Bank plc.

The company recently moved from Barry to Llandow.

Harris Pye group managing director, Mark Prendergast, said: "More than 90 per cent of our business is tied up with exporting - exporting our expertise, our manufacturing ability and our talented teams around the globe."

"We have traded in more than 25 countries in the period in question, including Norway, Belgium, Spain, France, Burma, Bahrain, Kuwait, India, Australia and Argentina, to name but a few."

## 'Smuggling weapons into Wales will lead to prosecution'

KNUCKLE dusters, extendable steel batons, flick knives, ball bearing guns, throwing stars and a samurai sword are among items recently seized by Border Force officers from passengers at Cardiff Airport.

So far this year, dozens of these firearms, knives and offensive weapons have been found in luggage offloaded from holiday flights.

Many of the passengers have bought the items while on holiday believing that they are legal in the UK because they are on general sale in resorts in countries like Spain, Turkey and Bulgaria.

With the busy summer holiday season fully under way, Border Force is reminding travellers heading abroad to

think carefully before bringing back holiday 'souvenirs'.

Carrying items that are banned or for which a licence or permit is needed is illegal.

Officers will seize these items and people caught smuggling them could also face prosecution and imprisonment.

Alex Lawther, from Border Force in Wales, said:

"Just because you can legally buy an item while on holiday abroad does not mean you can bring it back to the UK."

"If you are caught trying to smuggle dangerous weapons into the country, or simply unaware of the controls in place, these weapons will be detected and confiscated and you could face prosecution."

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# Lyn (and Nancy) fight red tape to join in charity fun runs

A father, who has completed a fun run for charity while pushing his 18-month-old daughter along in a buggy, fears health and safety red tape might prevent him from taking part in events in Swansea and Cardiff.

A few weeks ago, The GEM highlighted Lyn Thomas taking part in the TATA Cardiff Bay five-mile race with his daughter Nancy, who has cystic fibrosis.

They both finished the fun run without any mishaps, but organisers of other races have been less sure about the practice.

Lyn wants to take part in 10k fun runs in Swansea and Cardiff, but organisers are using health and safety rules as a reason to reject his application.

Lyn, who along with his wife Lucy, is keen to raise the profile of the CF Trust, wants his daughter

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to be a part of the family's fundraising efforts.

"Exercise is not just important for Nancy. It is imperative to keep her lungs healthy and may prevent her needing a lung transplant at a relatively young age and extend her life.

"I am determined to give her every opportunity to enjoy running, first as passenger and hopefully as a runner when she is a little older."

Local MP, Alun Cairns, said he was supporting the Llantwit Major family and claimed it was "a nonsense" to prevent Lyn and Nancy's dual participation when people regularly run marathons in a host of extravagant fancy dress outfits.

### COSTUMES

Mr Cairns said he would be taking the mat-

ter up with race organisers, adding: "While running last year's London Marathon, I was overtaken regularly by many people dressed in the most elaborate costumes.

"Some people were chained together and others were running in tandem.

"It is difficult to believe that someone pushing a buggy is such a health and safety threat.

"Coming after the Olympics, it is hard to believe that some organisers are putting hurdles in the way of people who want to raise money for charity and help change attitudes towards cystic fibrosis.

"If the other races are happy to accommodate Lyn and Nancy, why can't these 10k events?

"Lyn is determined to share the enjoyment of running with Nancy so that she will hopefully follow in his footsteps when she is a little older."

Mr Cairns believes preventing Lyn and Nancy from taking part might breach disability legislation.

The organisers of Cardiff Half Marathon to be run in October say they are looking at how Mr Thomas and Nancy could be accommodated.



ABOVE:  
Local MP Alun Cairns is backing local dad Lyn Thomas who wants to be able to push his daughter Nancy along in future charity road races in south Wales.

# SWALEC employee scales Britain's 'three peaks' in 24 hours



Lewis and his team scaled Snowdon for Marie Curie

A SWALEC employee from Barry has scaled new heights – to raise £500 for a leading national cancer care charity.

Customer service advisor Lewis Stait, (23), climbed more than 3,407 metres in total to complete the gruelling National Three Peaks Challenge in aid of Marie Curie.

He was supported by kind-hearted SWALEC workers from the company's Cardiff Gate headquarters who carried out fundraising activities, including cake sales and raffles, for their colleague to raise £370 towards his target.

Lewis was part of a group of four competitors attempting to climb three mountains - Snowdon in Wales, Ben Nevis in Scotland and Scafell Pike in England

– in less than 24 hours.

He said: "My team members were inspired to take part in the challenge because of their own links with Marie Curie, or experiences with cancer, and I wanted to support them and make the most of the

once in a lifetime opportunity.

"A lot of effort was put into place for the event and the support I have received from my colleagues in the office and from the general public has been amazing."

## HOPE fight goes on

I RECENTLY met with members of the HOPE committee to discuss the present situation regarding Redrow Homes' desire to build homes on Brynhill Golf Club.

Whilst there has not been any change in the situation over the last few months, we believe that Redrow plan to push ahead and submit a planning application for the site in the near future; this is despite the land still being designated for leisure use.

Residents of Highlight Park and the surrounding area, and indeed all residents of Barry, should be assured that HOPE have been working hard and are continuing their fight to oppose the building of houses on the golf course.

I will continue to support them in their battle.

Coun Claire Curtis,  
Dyfan ward, Barry

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## VALE MP's VIEWPOINT DO YOU WANT TO BE BETTER CONNECTED?

**I**'M talking, of course, about effective broadband connectivity... As GEM readers will be aware, I have campaigned since my election for improvement to the broadband infrastructure and delivery across the Vale.

Barry, Llantwit Major and Colwinston now have fibre-optic broadband and I'm continuing to make the case for Cowbridge and the rural Vale to benefit from a faster, better internet service.

Poor connectivity remains an issue for many. It was good to hear last month that the Welsh Government has finally appointed BT as the contractor to implement the investment in broadband infrastructure across Wales, through funding by the UK Government.

During 2011, the UK Government announced that it would provide £56m for investment in super-fast broadband across Wales.

The ambitious project – which is the largest partnership of its kind in the UK – will use public and private funds to deliver fibre broadband to parts of the country not covered by commercial plans.

The Welsh Government has yet to announce which areas will benefit from the investment of the schedule for installation. All the



**Vale MP  
Alun Cairns**  
reports to our  
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work from this project is to be completed by the end of 2015.

The project is the next phase in the delivery of the Welsh Government's commitment to make high speed broadband available across the country.

It will build on BT's existing investment, with the aim being that 96 per cent of Welsh homes and businesses will have access to world class broadband speeds of up to 80Mbps by the end of 2015.

In the meantime, there is another option for residents and businesses in the rural Vale to get connected or to

improve their download and upload capacity.

A Caerphilly-based firm has launched a new service in the Vale which relies on a completely wireless method of connecting to the internet.

The Konek-T broadband service has successfully connected villagers from St Hilary, Sigingstone, St Mary Church and Llanrcarfan.

The local internet solution company provided Wi-Fi connectivity for stand-holders and visitors alike at last week's National Eisteddfod in Llandow.

The company has its wireless equipment located on the Arqiva Communications Mast, adjacent to the A48 near St Hilary – and for those living or working within seven miles of the mast, improved broadband connectivity should be possible.

If your internet download connection speed is regularly less than 2Mbps then you are considered to be located in a "slow-spot" and can qualify for a Welsh Government funding grant (residential and business) from the Broadband Support Scheme initiative.

This enables free installation of any system that will improve your connection speed above the 2Mbps threshold.

You can check your download speed on websites such as [www.speedtest.net](http://www.speedtest.net) <<http://www.speedtest.net>>.

## Group's cheques for charities

**RIGHT:**  
The presentation of the cheque to Claire Waters of Ty Hafan, by Ray Hobbs and Brian Rose - former association members, and Heather Ashby.



**THE Barry and Cadoxton Gardeners Association** was officially set up in January 1986 to encourage gardening, and obtain for its members concessions on materials.

It was based in a corrugated tin shed at Kenilworth Road, Cadoxton, and proved a popular source of advice and gardening materials for local allotment holders and gardeners.

A decline in membership, cheaper prices at garden centres, and advanced age, illness and death of its committee members led to the association's closure in 2005.

The association's constitution stated that funds or profits should be applied to garden-

related projects. Its last secretary, Cyril Wood, intended to donate the funds remaining on its closure to local charities, including the Ty Hafan memorial garden.

Unfortunately, he died before he was able to make the donation, and some time after his death his wife Alice and daughter Heather realised that the funds were still in the association's bank account.

With the assistance of Barclays Bank staff, administrative difficulties were resolved, and a cheque for £3,260 presented to Ty Hafan. This will assist towards the re-development of the memorial garden.

A further cheque for £1,000 has been presented to Breast Cancer Care Wales. **HA**

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## CAB WARNS ABOUT 'DESPICABLE' SCAM

**THE Citizens Advice Bureau in the Vale has warned about a "despicable scam" that is targeting people in financial trouble.**

The organisation issued a statement saying that impostors claiming to be from the CAB are preying on people with money worries with cold calls offering fake 'debt

help'. CAB chiefs said no genuine Citizens Advice Bureau would ever call people out of the blue, offering to set up a debt management plan.

They urged anyone receiving such a call or text to alert Action Fraud immediately on 0300 123 2040, or on [www.action-fraud.org.uk/report\\_fraud](http://www.action-fraud.org.uk/report_fraud)

They also urged any-

one in financial difficulties to contact the bureau for free, confidential, independent and expert advice to help resolve debt problems.

Vale CAB chief executive Jane Clay said: "This is a despicable scam that trades on public trust in our service."

"We were horrified when someone who wasn't an existing client contacted us to find out how

we knew they were in debt, and told us they had had a call from one of our advisers.

"We made it very clear that no CAB adviser, or anyone connected with the CAB, would ever phone or text someone out of the blue."

"We cannot stress this too strongly, and we would urge anyone getting a bogus call like this to end the call as quickly as possible, never give or confirm any personal information, and to report the call immediately to Action Fraud and to the CAB."

"This advice applies to any cold call or text that offers you a loan, help dealing with debt problems, or claims to be from your bank - it is almost certainly a scam."

"We also want to reassure anyone experiencing debt or money worries that we can help."

"Our service is completely free, confidential and independent, and we have many years of experience and expertise in helping people get debt free and stay that way."

For contact details of your nearest CAB and more information on money management and dealing with debt, go to the citizens advice website [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

## Hopes for lasting legacy from the Vale Eisteddfod

**I'D like to begin by thanking everyone who came along to our first community cabinet in July at the Barry Town Council offices.**

It was a lovely summer evening and we were pleased to see so many local people who took the time to quiz us.

The next community cabinet will be held on October 15 at 6pm in Llantwit Major Leisure Centre. If you would like to question us in person, please come along.

I have previously mentioned that we as a new cabinet are looking at all the services we have inherited. Recently, we found that one of the popular play services for children had been cut.

These cuts had been made to the service, in part due to funding changes, but I'm pleased to say we have been able to find extra funding and increase the number of play sessions originally on offer over the summer holidays.

The play schemes help many parents, especially those caring for youngsters with disabilities, to cope with the long summer holiday and give local children the chance to get out of the house and get down to some serious playtime.

We hope that as many children as possible have been able to use the service since it has been brought back.

It was good to see so many people enjoying themselves at the recent Eisteddfod in Llandow. The council's Pavilion welcomed many visitors, who had fun taking part in all sorts of activities, including a surf simulator challenge!

Council staff had worked hard to ensure plenty of activities were on offer. Our sports and play development team organised activities in the sports arena, including taster sessions in rugby and athletics.

They also welcomed some well-known visitors including the Cardiff Blues and Glamorgan cricket team. The youth team brought along the multimedia VPod bus, which proved particularly popular with the youngsters on the Maes.

Traffic management plans and transport to the Maes were in place to help the event go as smoothly as possible and I would like to thank everyone involved in making the Eisteddfod such a success, particularly our staff, Bridgend Council, the Police and the Eisteddfod team.

We hope the Eisteddfod will have a lasting legacy and that it has helped raise the profile of our beautiful county and given a boost to local business

### VIEW FROM THE VALE

by Coun  
**NEIL  
MOORE**

Leader of the Vale  
of Glamorgan  
Council



and the Welsh Language.

We hope that many of the visitors will return in the future and it has inspired many to learn Welsh. If you are one of those people, our 'Courses for Adults 2012/2013' are available and details of Welsh courses for all levels, including beginners, can be found on the council's website.

We've also had another fabulous event to enjoy - the Olympics. The Vale sent six athletes to the Games and we are very proud of them all: Andrew Selby, Ieuan Lloyd, David Davies, Nicole Cooke, Brett Morse and Hannah Mills.

Hannah, who's from Dinas Powys, won silver in her sailing event - what a wonderful achievement. Congratulations to everyone who competed.

We hope the Olympics will encourage everyone to take up some sporting activities and following on from the Games, use our local leisure centres that often play an important part in helping young sports people develop.

Recently, the council has entered a partnership with Parkwood Leisure to run our leisure centres: Parkwood Leisure will now be running our leisure centres in Barry, Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major.

They promise that customers will soon see improvements, including refurbishments to the gyms and changing facilities.

The activity programmes will also be extended, with Parkwood introducing its popular brands such as Aquazone swimming lessons.

Finally, I hope the information in 'View from the Vale' is useful to GEM readers, but if any readers have questions they would like to put to me, or any of the council's cabinet, our contact details can be found on the council's website [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk).



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# Out and About with The GEM

## 'DRESS TO PROGRESS' IS THE NEW TENOVUS PLAN

CHWARAE TEG, the body which promotes the role of women in the Welsh workforce, and Welsh cancer charity, Tenovus, are launching their Dress to Progress campaign.

This calls upon women to donate any smart office wear they no longer use, so it can be sold by Tenovus to other women eager to advance at work.

The campaign aims to help women climb the career ladder, while also supporting cancer patients and their families.



ABOVE: Newly-promoted assistant manager Stacey Rees, from Porthcawl, is looking for new clothes to help women make a professional impression.

### Rummage sale

A RUMMAGE sale will be held in the All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, on Saturday, August 18, from 10am-12 noon. Entry 50p, to include tea and coffee.

**Open gardens**  
GARDENS opening for the National Gardens Scheme on August bank holiday include the following:

Ty Deri, 1 Tyn-y-Coed Road, Pentrych, CF15 9NP – an award winning garden with specimen trees, water feature surrounded by seasonal herbaceous borders. Rear garden including unusual plants, raised vegetable beds, large fruit cage and greenhouse. New – beehive. Raffle available also.

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Open Monday, August 27 (10am-5pm), admission £3.

**Charity disco**  
THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Ies Sword, will be hosting a charity disco in aid of his chosen charities; The Teenage Cancer Trust and Ty Hafan, on Friday, August 31, at The

Savoy, Barry, at 7pm. Fancy dress is optional. Tickets cost £5 and

can be purchased from The Savoy or Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry.

For more information, telephone Julie Hurd on 01446 704921.

### Chapel table top sale

A TABLE top sale comprising books, toys, videos, DVDs, electrical goods, kitchen utensils, cakes, china and bric-a-brac stalls will be held at Heol-y-Cyw Welfare Hall from 1pm-4pm, on Saturday, September 1.

Refreshments available. Proceeds in aid of Bethel Chapel Restoration Fund.

**Chrysanth**  
BARRY and District Chrysanthemum Society's annual general meeting takes place on September 4 at 5pm at Salem Baptist Church Hall, Beryl Road, Barry.

**Magical music**  
A MAGICAL music concert in aid of Barnardo's Cymru will take place at The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, on Sunday, September 6, beginning at 7.30pm.

Music includes themes from The Dam Busters, James Bond, ET, Mack and Mabel, The Beatles, and many more. Tickets: £12 (concessions available), from the box office: 01656 815995 or from: www.grandpavilion.co.uk.

### Paddle for life

THE Save The Children 'Paddle for Life' will take place on Saturday, October 13, with a 'build a raft and race' event at Newton Bay.

Apply to the Jolly Sailor, Newton, for more information.

## THE BALMORAL IS BACK 'HOME'

THE pleasure steamer, Balmoral, has returned from Olympic duties, to take Vale residents and others on summer outings!

Since she left home waters in July, Balmoral has been sailing on the Thames and making TV regular appearances, while taking her passengers to enjoy views of Olympic sailing events in Weymouth!

There are sailings planned to Weston Mare, Ilfracombe, and the National Trust island of Lundy.

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woman said.

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## TOOLS with a Mission

TOOLS With a Mission (TWAM), the charity mentioned in last week's Eisteddfod report, has asked The GEM to point out that its best contact number in the Vale is 07769 503237.

## GEM photographer's Cardiff Bay exhibition



Part of Glyn Evans' photo exhibition at the Pierhead Building, Cardiff Bay.

## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 735.

● £2000: 812398.

● The rollover, which now stands at £5,000 was not won this week.

● £10: 423642;

780976; 122036; 169594; 620442; 282136; 866063; 462211; 215663; 256158; 772227; 356489; 372198; 131586; 740702; 242496; 151856; 205613; 265508; 293343.

● £5: 831431;

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For lottery information, please telephone 029 2067 2062.

GEM photographer GLYN EVANS is currently staging a major exhibition in the Pierhead Building, Cardiff Bay.

Glyn told The GEM that the theme of the exhibition is 'Sport in Wales' – with the accent on capturing speed and movement.

He said: "I have tried to put the spotlight on some of the sports that miss out on the limelight. Therefore, the three 'big' sports – rugby, football and cricket – are not included."

One of the UK's most successful sports, cycling, is well represented, with shots taken at the Newport velodrome, and various motorsports are featured, as well as roller derby!

The exhibition is free, and runs daily, from 10.30am-5pm, until the end of August.

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# FUTURE FILMS THAT YOU CAN SINK YOUR TEETH INTO!

**W**ITH us now being two-thirds of the way through the year, there has been plenty of cinematic action and adventure for film fans so far.

But what of the rest of the year? Well, here are a few of my tips for films to look out for over the next four months.

Business picks up tomorrow (August 17) with the release of *The Expendables 2*, as Stallone, Willis, Schwarzenegger and a whole host of action stars team up to bring carnage to the big screen; here's hoping it will be a more fulfilling experience than the first one.

The following week (August 24) sees Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn take on aliens in *The Watch*, while Keith Lemon makes his cinematic debut in *Keith Lemon: The Movie*, a film that may challenge Sight and Sound's recent crowning of *Vertigo* as the best film ever made.

September 7 sees the law hit the screen in *Dredd*, as the titular judge fights his way

through a tower block in a plot that bears more than a passing resemblance to *The Raid*, while Tom Hardy and Shia LaBeouf are on the wrong side of the tracks in *Lawless*, a story of bootlegging brothers.

Keira Knightley's third team-up with director Joe Wright is also out on the same day and sees them adapt *Anna Karenina* for the big screen, looking all the more interesting for being staged in just one location.

*The Sweeney* rolls up on September 12, and Brad Pitt and Andrew Dominik's thriller *Killing Them Softly* opens on September 21.

Those looking for some high-concept action will be looking forward to Rian Johnson's *Looper*, which sees Joseph Gordon-Levitt sent forward in time to kill a target, only to discover it is his future self (played by Bruce Willis).

Also released on that date is Oliver Stone's drug-smuggling drama *Savages*, as well as the latest entry in a franchise which is as fresh as the undead that occupy it, in *Resident Evil: Retribution*.



by **GARETH JAMIESON**

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October 4 sees Liam Neeson's man with a particular set of skills return in *Taken 2*, while October 12 sees the long-awaited adaptation of Jack Kerouac's seminal novel, *On The Road*, and Ben Affleck's CIA drama *Argo*.

Tim Burton returns to the world of stop-animation in *Frankenweenie* on October 17, while it's sequels galore on October 19 as the *Paranormal Activity* franchise churns out a fourth effort and *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted* aims to draw in the younger audiences.

October 26 sees the first James Bond outing for four years released; entitled *Skyfall*, and with Javier Bardem as the villain, Sam Mendes' first Bond film as director looks extremely promising.

Paul Thomas Anderson's eagerly anticipated follow up to *There Will Be Blood* arrives on November 9 -

*The Master*, a story of a brainwashing cult and its control over its followers.

Speaking of brainwashing cults, November 16 sees the *Twilight* saga finally wrap itself up with *Breaking Dawn Part 2* - and the less said about this the better!

Bradley Cooper re-teams with Robert De Niro in *Silver Lining Playbook* on November 23, while November 30 sees the first outing for literary detective *Alex Cross*, Clint Eastwood's return in front of the camera in *Trouble With The Curve*, Mike

Newell's take on Great Expectations and British director Ben Wheatley's anticipated follow-up to the disturbing *Kill List* with *Sightseers*.

Those who know there are from their troll, will no doubt be looking forward to the release of *The Hobbit* on December 14. The first of a new trilogy, subtitled *An Unexpected Journey*, it will no doubt lay waste to the box office just as the original *Lord of the Rings* trilogy did nearly a decade ago.

Ang Lee brings *Life of Pi* to the big screen on December 21, a story of a young man stranded on a boat with only animals for company, looking visually gorgeous from the footage released so far.

With Tom Cruise bringing *Lee Childs' Jack Reacher* to the silver screen on December 28, there is more than enough cinematic goodness to keep you going until the end of the year - so what will you see?

## Youth Forum in trustee search

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Youth Forum is inviting GEM readers to join them for their AGM on Tuesday, September 25 in the Philip John Room at Barry Central Library.**

They are looking to recruit new trustees. To be considered, send contact details, together with information about previous experience, skills and knowledge, and why you would like to be considered as a VYF trustee, to Helena Jones, co-ordinator, on 02920 701254, 07526 449720, or email: [valeyouthforum@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:valeyouthforum@hotmail.co.uk).

## ...And the Welsh Learner of the Year at the National Eisteddfod in Llandow is...Isaias Grandis!

**On the evening of Wednesday, August 8, it was announced that Isaias Grandis was the winner of this year's 'Welsh Learner of the Year' competition at the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod - during a special ceremony at the Bear Hotel, in Cowbridge.**

There were four on the shortlist this year, but the adjudicators decided that Isaias deserved the accolade.

Eisteddfod organiser, Hywel Wyn Edwards, said: "The standard this year has been very high, and it's been great to see so many people competing. It's a clear indication of the importance of

this competition as part of the National Eisteddfod."

Isaias spent his youth in Córdoba, before settling with his family in Trevelin, Chubut.

He does not come from a Welsh background, but after moving to Trevelin he became interested in the 'foreign' language he heard spoken by his neighbours.

He began to learn Welsh at the Welsh School in the Andes at the age of 15, obtaining a scholarship to come to Wales in 2006.

He returned to Wales in 2009, where he attended an intensive Welsh language course at Cardiff University. He then returned to Patagonia, and worked as a Welsh language tutor at the Welsh school in the Andes, as a teacher in Ysgol y Felin, as a Welsh his-

tory teacher in the local secondary school, and as a tourism teacher at the secondary school in Corcovado.

He strives to promote the language in the community by attracting students, young and old, to the Welsh school. He hopes to increase the use of Welsh locally, and his main dream is to build a bilingual school (Welsh and Spanish) in Trevelin, similar to Ysgol yr Hendre in Trelew.

The trophy was donated by Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Welsh for Adults Centre, Cardiff University, and the financial prize of £300 was given by the Gwynfor Fund, Barry.

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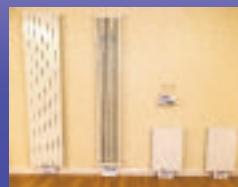
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### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2012

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y Cyngorydd Eric Hacker,  
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yn helpu gyda'r sioe Amaethyddol  
Bro Morgannwg.

**T**HE Vale Show takes place at Fonmon Castle Park on Wednesday, August 22, and high numbers are expected as visitors now reach 20,000 a year, with spectators and entrants coming from all over the country.

The society was originally formed in 1772 for farmers to compete in field crop classes.

It still continues, but the show has expanded and diversified over the years. It now encourages a wide audience, more than just from the local farming and equestrian communities, to make it an all-round, one-day show, but the emphasis is still very much on a traditional country show, which is paramount.

The show would not be possible without the support of the local community and invaluable help from the army of volunteers who give so much time to ensure its on-going success.

You cannot beat the friendly rivalry, camaraderie and lively atmosphere to be found around the ground, so come along and experience it first hand.

We are delighted that Mrs Fiona Martyn has agreed to be our president this year. Fiona said that the

by **NICOLA GIBSON**  
General Secretary, Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society

show holds a special place in her heart, and she was very "honoured and proud" to be elected, her husband, Anthony Martyn was president in 1974. She said it is a joy to follow in his footsteps.

Mr Robert Llewellyn of Penllyn is chairman, Mr David Harris, show director, and along with their team of wonderful volunteers, the showground will be built from a green field and ready for visitors to the show.

There is so much to see and do that you will be spoilt for choice. In addition to the extensive horse and pony showing classes, there are classes for retrained racehorses and a busy show jumping ring.

In the livestock area you will find cattle and sheep of all sorts and sizes. There is wool spinning, sheep shearing, piglets, calves, falcons, and you can even experience a bee hive close up (don't worry, protective clothing is supplied).

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This year we even have a dancing dog to entertain you all. She will be based near the Dog Show - over 600 entries of dog will be on show in all sorts of shapes and sizes - judging in this area starts at 11 am.

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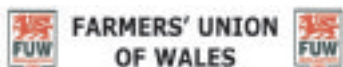
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## Dairy farming and showing cows

**S**OUTH WALES has the perfect climate for dairy farming. The warmth of the Gulf Stream encourages grass growth early in the spring and the regular summer rainfall – while not always welcomed by everyone – keeps the grass growing well into the autumn.

Glamorganshire, in particular, has good quality fertile soils along the coast line and on the lower lying land. Farmers have been milking cows in our county for many generations in order to provide the growing urban population with good quality fresh local milk.

In recent years numbers of farmers milking cows in Glamorgan has reduced dramatically, but there are still some excellent farms keeping the milk flowing.

A dairy farmer's working day is a very long day indeed, with morning milking often well under way by 6am and evening milking finishing by 7pm, and that's on a good day when nothing goes

wrong and there is no other task such as silage making, harvesting or drilling seed to be done!

As dairy farmers, we love our cows dearly. We become very attached to them as we spend so much time working alongside them. With pedigree breeders, like ourselves at Tytanglwyst Farm, the animals we milk today are all descendants of the cows our grandfathers were milking many years ago. The rich heritage of working with the same families of cows on the same land as our parents and grandparents before us means a great deal and something we take great pride in.

The Vale of Glamorgan Show is a highlight in the calendar for all farmers in the region, and for many of us a chance to showcase the best of our livestock. Showing your cows is great fun but there is a huge amount of work required in advance of the big day.

Preparations start about three to four weeks before hand, with X-factor style auditions to see which cows will make it to be chosen to go to the show!

My father and I will debate and finally decide which cows we think are the best on our farm and

then we need to halter train them.

Halter training is like a battle of will between the farmer and the cow; the vast majority of cows like to be made a fuss of and are only too happy to be paraded around in front of the rest of the herd. However, you will always get a stubborn individual who thinks she is taking the farmer for a walk! With a modern Holstein weighing up to 750kg (three quarters of a tonne), it's not always that easy to educate the cow that she is going to be led where you wish her to go!

Lots of washing, grooming and clipping of the best behaved cows then follows and your elite group are transported to the show for final pampering early in the morning before the judging commences. A day of banter and friendly competition amongst neighbours and friends follows, with everyone ending up in the member's tent for some well-earned refreshments at the end of a great day.

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The Vale Show also provides a unique

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Karen added: 'We are really looking forward to the show and wish the organisers a successful event.'

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## ‘Show is one of the highlights of Fonmon’s calendar’



**ABOVE:**  
Sir Brooke Boothby says that the Vale Show is one of the highlights of Fonmon Castle's calendar.

**A**BOUT a decade ago, the Fonmon Estate was approached by the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society to see if it would be possible to hold their annual show at Fonmon Castle.

I was both flattered and delighted to help, firstly because the previous showground at Cowbridge had been held on my maternal grandfather's land, and second because of the history and high reputa-

tion of the society.

Bought as a Knight's Fee early in the 12th century, the Fonmon Estate has always been at core a rural and agricultural concern. The main field where the show takes place was known as the 'Lord's Desmesne' – and still has the remnants of the medieval strip farming system, in the form of shallow ridges every five and a half yards (that length being formerly known as a rod, a pole or a perch, four of which make up a cricket pitch).

We also have a long history of entering com-

petitions held by the society, holding a medal for the 'Best One Acre of Roots' from 1792.

Today, every element of the estate has to work for its living, and the castle, as well as being open to the public on certain days throughout the summer, hosts a wide variety of activities from weddings to private and corporate events, or being a film location.

This year for the very first time, under the stewardship of my daughter Alik, who is now taking over the running of Fonmon, we will have a Fonmon stand

showcasing all that we can do – please drop by and see us.

On a personal note, Alik and I have been locked in debate as to whether we can (or should) enter classes in the horticultural or home produce areas. Alik, being relatively new to the scene, is somewhat over confident as to the brilliance of the flowers, soft fruit and vegetables coming out of the castle walled gardens. I (being a show veteran) know that, whilst we are immensely proud of our gardens, the standards of the show are almost always too high for us!

*Last year, I suffered ignominious defeat because our truly enormous pumpkins were not perfectly round!*

The Vale Show is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the Fonmon calendar – the opportunity to welcome crowds of new visitors, along with many long-standing friends from the local area, is a wonderful one. But it can come at a price, a combination of wet weather

and up to 25,000 people can really put a strain on the field and sometimes the grass can take months to recover.

Fortunately, the showground is under the

excellent management of our neighbours, Andrew and Julian Radcliffe, who always restore it to pristine condition in time for the next year's events.

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*Sir Brooke Boothby*

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## Cardiff Airport marquee has plenty to showcase

2012 has been such an eventful year that the home produce section is devoting some competitions to the celebrations.

Commencing with the Chairman's Cup, entitled 'Diamond Jubilee Tea', the flower arranging section, which is always very colourful, will be exhibiting 'Jubilee Tea' and 'The Olympics'.

The children (seven and under) will also have the opportunity of designing a pasta face of the Queen; 8-11 years are going to express their talent designing an Olympic Medal; and the 12-16-year-olds have an invitation to a royal garden party.

The schools taking part in the handwriting competition this year are Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, Cowbridge and Ysgol Sant Curig, Barry.

Competitions in all sections are going from strength-to-strength and we look forward to receiving your entries.

Contact Janet Lewis, the secretary, on 01443 225202, or via the Vale Show website.

## British show jumping at the Vale Show

**BRITISH** show jumping classes at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show will be featuring six senior classes, ranging from British novice, for horses not to have won more than £100, to the open class 1.40m, open to any grade horse.

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## ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW Wednesday 22nd August 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of

Schedule 1 hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do HEREBY ORDER and DIRECT in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

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### SCHEDULE

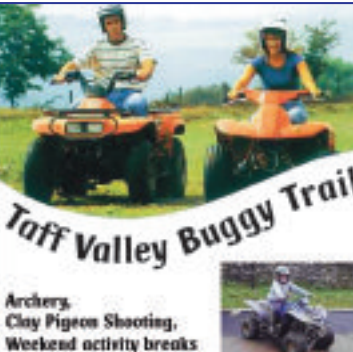
COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3
Wednesday 22nd August 2012	1/Vale of Glamorgan Showground Main Access at Fonmon Castle grounds.	6.00 am to 8.00 pm
	No right turn from the main field access/exit at grid 303747 167876 onto the B4265, this will allow only the left turn movement of vehicles from the access / exit onto the B4265.	
	<b>Diversions</b> The diversion for West bound vehicles will be in a generally easterly direction along the B4265 to the roundabout at Penmark, then "U Turning" at this roundabout and travelling back along the B4265	
	<b>2/Fonmon Road, Fonmon.</b> North bound carriageway closed to all traffic from Fonmon crossroads at grid 304806 167180 to its junction at grid 305056 167844 Nurston Road	
	<b>Diversions</b> Northbound traffic will be diverted west along Port Road to the Blue Anchor, north through Burton Terrace and Burton Bridge, then in an easterly direction along the B4265.	6.00 am to 2.00 pm

Local Signed Diversions shall be in place Dated this 16th day of August 2012

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## WOOL AT THE VALE SHOW

**L**OCAL shepherd and flock manager, Ceri Davies, will be wowing crowds again at the Vale of Glamorgan Show – as he demonstrates the skill of sheep shearing.

Ceri, who runs a progressive commercial flock of more than 500 sheep in the Vale, has finely honed his skills worldwide shearing in Australia, New Zealand and Switzerland, as well as competing in UK competitions, so the sheep will be in very safe and experienced hands.

He will be joined by members of the Tawe Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers as they will showcase the next step in the wool process and spin wool straight from the sheep.

During last year's demonstrations the ladies managed to spin and knit a pair of socks for the 2011 show president, Jeff James. So we can only guess what they will be planning for this year!



Guild secretary Ann Fox said: "We are delighted to be returning to the Vale Show. Last year we were overwhelmed by the genuine interest of people both in the sheep shearing and the spinning."

"Many people came along and had a go, so, this year we are hoping to introduce a new element of wool-working for visitors of all ages to see and try their hand at."

"British wool is a sustainable and versatile product that is synonymous with Welsh life and Welsh culture – so it is important that we celebrate it with style."

"There has been a resurgence of interest in weaving and spinning and we are looking forward to not only showing people the skills, but also getting them to maybe have a go themselves."

Show secretary, Mrs Nicola Gibson, concluded: "The shearing and wool demonstrations proved very popular with the public and we are delighted that Ceri and the guild are able to join us again this year."

"Sheep are an important part of the social and economic life of the Vale, but for many visitors to the show this may be the only time they get to see them at such close quarters."

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## Lexie the dancing dog

**T**HIS year at the Vale of Glamorgan Show, there will be the opportunity to meet Lexie, your local dancing dog.

A 10-year-old lady, she has danced since puppyhood, entertaining at hospitals, special schools, therapy visits and children's groups. She has competed in a number of talent shows and is the first of her breed, a keeshond, to achieve a dance diploma, with distinction and all for a few sausages!

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## Dogs come from far and wide to compete at show

**I**T IS the time of year when all thoughts again turn to attending the Vale Show, where the dog section has many loyal exhibitors who enter year on year despite the downturn in the economy.

This year, of course, the inclement spring and early summer weather has affected shows as well.

Throughout dog showing, the entries have dropped considerably, but we at the Vale are confident that the excellent facilities at Fonmon will continue to attract both the seasoned exhibitor and also the novice.

Many people have shown an interest in their first foray into the world of dog showing, and we will do our best to make this an enjoyable

experience and provide any help and assistance they may need.

Hopefully the weather will be fine on the day, but excellent wet weather accommodation is available if needed.

Entries so far have arrived from as far afield as Cornwall, Yorkshire and all along the M4 corridor.

This year, we even have a judge from Japan officiating for the Cavalier King Charles spaniels.

All of our judges are at the top of their careers and find it a privilege to be asked to judge at this prestigious event.

Once again, the show has been selected by the Kennel Club to hold one of the flagship events, namely, a qualifying heat for the Kennel Gazette Junior Warrant Competition.

Five dogs and a reserve will be selected

and subsequently invited to the semi-finals at Discover Dogs, Earls Court, London in November 2012, with the final being held at Crufts in 2013.

We look forward to seeing old friends and

new exhibitors. A warm welcome is extended to all, so please come, bring the family and have an enjoyable day out.

P V PASK

Dog Show Secretary



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## 'Good teamwork produces gold!' SAYS SHOW DIRECTOR

**W**E have recently enjoyed the spectacle of Team GB and, in particular, the success of the British Cycling Team at the Olympics, and looking at their success enables you to realise why the Vale of Glamorgan Show enjoys the success that it does.

The common factor, of course, is teamwork, and this is always totally evident in the weeks leading up to the show itself.

Under the guidance of Mrs Nicola Gibson, and our chairman, Mr Robert Llewellyn, a large team of volunteer helpers work tirelessly to make the event the smoothly-run success that it is.

The team comprises not only the 30-strong committee, but also directors, stewards, members of the local ATC, Scouts, Red Cross and local doctors and veterinary surgeons, together with a myriad of friends and family of those involved.

Everyone in the team knows exactly what their role is and how best to get the job done, with customer satisfaction always being top priority. All those involved approach their tasks with the same attitude.

It is heartening to note that whilst many of the team only meet once a year, in many instances they now bring children and grandchildren to assist in their roles, which guarantees the future success of

the show for generations to come.

*While we can never guarantee the weather, I can guarantee that the effort and enthusiasm shown by all who make this a fantastic show will earn themselves a gold medal each and every year.*

DAVID HARRIS  
Show Director

## Petherton's new vet!



Rhian of Petherton Vets with Flossie and Flynn, her two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels.

## Crafts for all

**T**HE ever-popular craft fair will be held again this year at the Vale of Glamorgan Show on Wednesday, August 22 at Fonmon.

Most of the regular stand holders will be in attendance once more and also some new crafters will be with us.

The standard and quality of their work is incomparable, and it is always a great pleasure to buy that little gift in the very pleasant atmosphere of this very busy

marquee. There will be some lovely turned-woodwork on display; along with a good mixture of jewellery, hand knitted garments, nursery items, cushions made from recycled Welsh woollen blankets, ceramics, handbags of various descriptions, jigsaw puzzles, pewter work, love spoons, slate items and much more, including art work, specialities being animal portraits.

The marquee will be open to the public from 9.30am-6pm.

ANNE ARNOTT  
Secretary/organiser

## Outreach team at the show

**T**HE National Assembly for Wales' outreach team will be at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show on August 22, providing a number of activities aimed at getting more people involved in the law-making process in Wales.

The Assembly's outreach bus will be at the showground in Fonmon Castle, offering a wealth of interesting activities to adults and children of all ages.

One of the highlights will be a 'Members' Wall' - where visitors will be able to search for their Assembly member on a large map of Wales, and leave a message on an issue of their choice.

It could be a local issue or a suggestion for a new Welsh law. The information will then be fed back to the member in question.

"Our outreach team will be providing a range of innovative and interesting activities at the Vale of Glamorgan Show aimed at hearing the views of the public on the work of the National Assembly," said the Presiding Officer of the National Assembly for Wales, Rosemary Butler AM.

"We want people from all over the country to tell us what matters to them, so that Assembly members and I can use these enhanced law-making powers to create legislation that reflects the wishes of everyone in Wales."

## RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY AS... Horticultural show aims to beat weather!

**E**VERY year, one hopes that the exhibitors have beaten the weather and will produce another fine display.

This year, the weather has been so dreadful that even the growing plants are finding it difficult to overcome conditions. However, gardeners are a hardy lot, and can often succeed against all odds.

We hope that this year, despite weather conditions, exhibits at the show will exceed expectations in both quality and quantity. The society would like to thank outgoing chairman, Mr Terry Griffin for his tremendous work for more than 40 years, in building up the horticultural show. He is expertly assisted by Maureen, his wife, who is secretary of the horticultural section. Happily Terry

remains on the committee.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Tom Mitchell as the new chairman, and wish him every success in his new role.

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## Meet the (rugby) stars at Vale of Glamorgan Show!

**S**OME of Wales' rugby heroes will be at the Vale of Glamorgan Show next week, to meet fans and sign autographs.

WRU kicking guru Neil Jenkins, fellow ex-Welsh international Dafydd Jones and current internationals Ken Owens and Adam Jones will be at the Oil 4 Wales stand during the show on August 22.

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# Call for 'Eisteddfod legacy' in the Vale

**A CAMPAIGN to create a Welsh language centre in the Vale was launched during the National Eisteddfod.**

The project, which is using the working title 'Ty Cadog', is aimed at acquiring a building in the centre of Barry, the largest town in the county, that could provide a range of opportunities for the public to use their Welsh in informal situations, such as a cafe or a bookshop.

The idea was inspired by the campaign launched in the Eisteddfod last year to establish the old Saith Seren pub in Wrexham as a Welsh language centre.

That was successful, and the centre is now flourishing.

Spokesman Tim Pearce told THE GEM that a recent report by researchers at Swansea University had urged the establishment of a network of such Welsh language centres throughout Wales.

The launch at the Eisteddfod was addressed by Heini Gruffudd, one of the authors of the report, and Kay Holder, winner of the 2011 'Learner of the

## Language centre plan for speakers to use Welsh

Year' award – and a resident of Penarth in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Kay said: "We are very keen on seeing a legacy left by the Eisteddfod in the Vale, building on the increasing interest in the language since the festival was announced a year ago."

Said Heini: "It cannot be denied that the challenge of establishing a network of Welsh language centres is huge, especially in a society which is tending, in general, towards a retreat into the home in order to receive its entertainment."

"It is a challenge which must be tackled in order to ensure that those adults who succeed in speaking Welsh can use their new found linguistic ability to create new Welsh speaking communities."

"Also, we must provide opportunities to socialise in the Welsh language to the increasing number of young people who have been educated through the medium of Welsh, but who are unable to use it outside of the school corridors."

The supporters of Ty Cadog expect eventually to sell shares in the project to the public in the same way that finance was raised for Saith Seren in Wrexham.

During the launch, a date and venue were agreed for a public meeting to form a steering committee.

The meeting will take place on September 13 at 6pm in the Mount Sorrel Hotel, Barry. All who are in favour of the establishment of such a centre are welcome to attend.

The Ty Cadog website is: [www.tycadog.org](http://www.tycadog.org)

### Lansio ymgyrch i sefydlu canolfan Gymraeg

**LANSIYD ymgyrch i sefydlu canolfan iaith Gymraeg ym Mro Morgannwg yn ystod yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol ar dydd Mercher 8fed Awst 2012.**

Mae'r prosiect, sydd yn dwyn yr enw 'Ty Cadog', yn rhagweld adeilad yng nghanol y Barri, tref fwyaf y sir, a fyddai'n darparu ystod o gyfleoedd i'r cyhoedd ddefnyddio eu Cymraeg mewn sefyllfa anfurfio, megis caffi, siop byfrau ayyb.

Sbardunwyd y syniad gan yr ymgyrch a lansiwyd yn y Brifwyl y llynedd i sefydlu tafarn y Saith Seren yn Wrecsam fel canolfan Gymraeg. Mae honno

erbyn hyn â'i thraed odani ac yn ffynnu.

Yn ogystal, cyhoeddwyd adroddiad yng Ngorffennaf eleni gan ymchilwyr ym Mhrifysgol Abertawe a argymhellodd sefydlu rhwydwaith o ganolfannau Cymraeg led led Cymru lle byddai modd i ddysgwyr Cymraeg a siaradwyr rhugl gymdeithasu y tu allan i'r ystafell ddosbarth.

Cafodd y lansiad yn yr Eisteddfod ei annerch gan Heini Gruffudd, un o awduron yr adroddiad, a Kay Holder, Dysgwr y Ffwyddyn 2011 ac yn drigolyn Penarth ym Mro Morgannwg.

Meddai Kay: "Dyn ni'n awyddus iawn i weld gwaddol yn cael ei adael yn y Fro ar ôl yr Eisteddfod a manteisio ar y diddordeb cynyddol yn yr iaith Gymraeg sydd wedi dod yn ei sgîl."

Meddai Heini: "Ni ellir gwadu bod yr her o sefydlu rhwydwaith o ganolfannau Cymraeg yn enfawr, yn enwedig mewn cymdeithas sydd yn gyffredinol yn tueddu'n ffwyfwy i encilio i'r cartref i

dderbyn ei hadloniant ac yn llai parod i fuddsoddi ei hegini mewn mentrau cymunedol newydd.

"Eto, mae'n her y mae'n rhaid mynd i'r afael â hi er mwyn sicrhau bod yr oedolion hynny sy'n llwyddo i siarad Cymraeg yn gallu defnyddio eu gallu ieithyddol newydd i greu cymunedau Cymraeg newydd."

"Hefyd, mae'n hanfodol ein bod ni'n cynnig cyfleoedd cymdeithasu i'r nifer cynyddol o bobl ifanc sydd wedi derbyn eu haddysg trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg ond yn methu cael cyfle i'w defnyddio y tu allan i goridoriau'r ysgol."

Mae cefnogwyr Ty Cadog yn rhagweld ymhen hir a hwyr gwerthu cyfranddaliadau o'r prosiect i'r cyhoedd gan ddilyn y dull a ddefnyddiwyd yn achos y Saith Seren.

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Mae gan y fenter wefan: [www.tycadog.org](http://www.tycadog.org)

## The Gorsedd honours Carwyn

**FIRST Minister Carwyn Jones was honoured by the Gorsedd of the Bards at the National Eisteddfod.**

During a ceremony at the festival, he was honoured alongside Shane Williams and John Hartson. Those entering the Gorsedd as an honorary druid wore blue robes succeeding in the fields of law, science, sports, journalism, media, and local or national activities.

The First Minister said: "This has been a

truly special day for me and my family. It is a great honour to be called to the Gorsedd, and be recognised alongside individuals who have achieved so much in their respective fields."

He also praised this year's National Eisteddfod: "The Vale of Glamorgan has welcomed the National Eisteddfod with open arms and I want to thank all those involved who have made it a reality."

"This festival is an important event for Wales, as a crucial celebration of our culture and language."

## Advisers can ease money worries for cancer patients

**PEOPLE affected by cancer in south-east Wales are now able to get vital financial advice and support – thanks to two new Macmillan Welfare benefits advisers.**

In a first for Macmillan, one of the advisers will be based solely within a hospital. Hayley Price will see patients attending Velindre Cancer Centre, while Katie Thomas will be based at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC). Both will help cancer patients and their families to get vital extra benefits and Macmillan patient grants.

A survey for Macmillan found

that 91 per cent of cancer patients' households suffered loss of income and/or increased costs as a direct result of cancer.

Welfare Benefits Advisers can help people affected by cancer apply for benefits such as Disability Living Allowance, carers' allowance and means-tested benefits such as income support and council tax benefit.

Hayley Price said: "Many cancer patients have to deal with the financial implications of their condition at a time when they should be concentrating on their treatment or recovery."

"For many, it will be the first time they have had to negotiate the benefits system and it can be

quite daunting. I am able to take some of the worry away from them by accessing their full benefit entitlement and, when appropriate, additional Macmillan Patient Grants."

Last year, Macmillan awarded patient grants totalling nearly £625,000 to more than 1,800 people across Wales.

These one-off payments help patients pay for vital equipment to help them cope with their illness, as well as other expenses including fuel bills and clothes.

Call 0808 808 0000 to find out about Macmillan welfare benefits advisers in your area, and more information about Macmillan Patient Grants.

## Fairtrade required for the Vale dairy farmers

**IN our civilised Western society, the principle and practice of purchasing Fairtrade goods, commonly coffee, cocoa and bananas from developing countries, is nothing new.**

The principle is that under Fairtrade, the producer is guaranteed a price that will cover costs of production and allow for living expenses and reinvestment into a business.

How sad it is that in the UK, the recent NFU coalition-led support for the UK dairy industry is pleading with milk processors and supermarkets to apply Fairtrade in the price that they pay farmers for milk.

The recent announcements in early July by the majority of the major supermarkets and processors that they were going to reduce the price paid to farmers by a further 2p per litre was the final straw



ABOVE: The judging of the dairy classes at the 2011 show.

for many family dairy farms. This meant that for many, the August 1 price paid to farmers of less than 14p per pint is way below the costs of production. Not the best way to run an essential food production business, when you get less for the product than it costs you to produce.

Since the UK Dairy Summit meeting in Westminster on July 11, some suppliers and supermarkets have indicated that they will reverse the price drop. Pressure is still needed from all consumers, pressure groups and politicians to ensure that the dairy industry in the UK is protected in a fair and appropriate manner.

The NFU calls for a contractual code of best practice, ensuring that milk purchase contracts are fair and equitable to both buyer and seller.

The remains of dairy farming in the Vale are now centred around some 18 herds, with some of the producers facing uncertain futures.

If you value the milk that we pour on our cereal each morning, and wish to show your support for dairy farmers, then join the SOS Dairy Campaign via Facebook or Twitter, challenge the general manager of your local supermarket the next time you see a heavily discounted promotion on milk, or half price cheese.

Finally, what better way of showing your real support for the Vale dairy industry than attending the Vale of Glamorgan Show next Wednesday, August 22, visiting the cattle section to see all the wonderful dairy animals being exhibited, and taking the opportunity to talk milk and dairy farming with the farmers themselves?

DAVID HARRIS,  
Kelly & Harris Agency,  
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## New hospice support group raises £6,000

**THE recently formed Marie Curie fundraising group for Barry meets each month in a side room at the King William pub.**

It came together under a year ago in November 2011 and during that short space of time has raised more than £6,000 for the charity.

While the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth is currently undergoing a refurbishment, its work continues at a specially adapted ward in Velindre Cancer Centre, Cardiff.

The Barry group will have a tent at the Tall Ships Festival on September 1-2 and a quiz night at the King William public house is being planned for September 28.

Chairman Peter Griffiths will be running in the Cardiff Half Marathon on October 14 and sponsors are welcome. (See contact details below).

The group is eager to recruit new members. Contact Peter Griffiths (chairman) 07752670480 Email scarlets15@btinternet.com

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## Race for Life raises £1,000

RECENTLY, 22 members of staff from Gladstone Primary completed the Race for Life in Cardiff, in memory of a very special parent who recently lost her battle with cancer – Torleyn Ring.

They had set a fundraising target of £500 but have already raised more than £1,000 and the total is still rising.

"We would like to thank our Gladstone friends and families who have dug deep into their pockets to support this fight against cancer," said headteacher Caroline Newman.

You can sponsor the 'Gladstone Girls' at [www.raceforlifespansorme.org/GladstoneGirls](http://www.raceforlifespansorme.org/GladstoneGirls).



## Smoke-free cars campaign comes to town

FRESH START WALES, the Welsh Government's campaign to reduce children's exposure to second-hand smoke in the car, is going on tour this summer and will be hosting its own event on the seafront at Barry Island on Saturday, August 18.

At the event, the Fresh Start Wales mascot Patch the Dragon will be meeting children,

while parents can find out more about smoking in cars and even test their CO levels and lung capacity at the Fresh Start Wales gazebo.

While children can have their picture taken with Patch, Fresh Start Wales will be encouraging families to sign up to the 'Summer Promise' – a pledge for parents to keep their cars smoke-free, starting with any day trips or holidays they take with their families this summer.

## Trek the Inca Trail for Marie Curie

CAROLYN HUNTER, a music teacher from Cardiff was so impressed with the care her husband Tim received at the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, that she decided to take on the challenge of trekking the Grand Canyon to raise vital funds for the Hospice.

She said: "My husband Tim had to go into the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth initially just for a couple of weeks to sort out his medication, but at the time we didn't realise that his condition had worsened considerably, and he was only there for five days, before he passed away."

"Thanks to the Marie Curie nurses, he was pain-free and comfortable at the end and had his own room with beautiful views of the Severn Estuary, where I was going to be staying with him."

"After Tim died, I felt very close to the nurses who had treated him and had been there for him at such a difficult time in his life, so when the

chance came along to trek across the Grand Canyon, to raise funds for the hospice and give something back, it felt like exactly the right thing to do."

"Tim had even joked when we first arrived at the hospice, after we spied a leaflet advertising a previous trek to the Great Wall of China, that he could imagine me doing something like that in the future."

Carolyn will join 15 local people this October to trek the Grand Canyon to raise money for the hospice. If you're not able to join this year's trek then why not sign up for the next big adventure, taking place in May 2014?

You could have the chance to travel to Peru and trek the Inca Trail with Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Spread over 10 days, the Marie Curie Inca Trail challenge includes six days of trekking, taking in the sights of the former Royal Inca Highway as you near the heart of the Peruvian jungle.

For more information on this trek, call 029 20426068, or register online at: [www.mariecurie.org.uk](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk).

## The Eisteddfod's 'welcome for all' is more than words

THE National Eisteddfod's visit to the Vale for the first time in 44 years enjoyed blazing sunshine and huge crowds towards the end of the week.

On Friday and Saturday, the wet conditions and mud of earlier days were forgotten, and thousands of people basked in the warm weather, enjoying the live performances of the choirs, browsing the innumerable stalls housing businesses, organisations and charities which operate through Wales.

The National Eisteddfod constantly emphasises that it wants to encourage English speaking people to experience the cultural event, and the perception of people the GEM spoke to was that it had passed that awkward hurdle – a festival that prides itself on its love for the Welsh language while still welcoming those with little knowledge of it.

John Rees and his wife Sian, both English speakers, decided at the last minute to make a trip up the M4 from Swansea.

John explained: "We saw that the weather was good and because the Eisteddfod isn't that close that often, decided to come up."

"Although, we don't speak Welsh, it doesn't stop us enjoying the entertainment and choirs, and there are lots of stalls to browse around."

John said that although there was a suggestion that more money might be found for the National Eisteddfod if it broadened its appeal, he wouldn't like to see a dilution in its present content. "It is about Welsh culture – that's what people want to see."

His wife Sian said the outing had been a success. "We've enjoyed the day. The stewards were helpful and one directed us in English when he realised we didn't speak Welsh."

Julian Rosser, an English speaking Welshman, who lives locally said: "I'm here working on the Oxfam stand

and I've found everybody very friendly. Sunday was wet and horrible, but it's great now the sunshine has arrived."

And what is the most appealing part of the festival for him? "I'm looking forward to listening to the choir competition."

Julian's English friend, Tamsin Wallbank, has lived in Cardiff for a decade, and said that making that little effort to use her limited Welsh phrases was appreciated.

She explained: "Knowing a few words helps. 'Please' and 'thank you' do go a long way. Although I don't speak Welsh, I have understood the odd word here and there as I've gone round."

Alun Francis, who was also visiting from Cardiff, said it was the first time he'd visited the Eisteddfod and was interested in learning Welsh.

"I visited a marquee which gave a lot of information about courses people can take."

"An evening course would suit me best. I was interested to see there are Apps being produced which give instant translations which might encourage learners like me."

One person did make the point that signs in English as well as Welsh would be appreciated.

On Friday, the First Minister Carwyn Jones was honoured for services to the Welsh nation when he entered the Gorsedd of the Bards as an honorary druid, alongside former Welsh footballer John Hartson and opera singer Wynne Evans.

The National Eisteddfod had the tricky challenge of having to compete with the final week of the Olympics this year, and if it returns to the Vale in another 44 years, organisers will hope lightning doesn't strike twice with Britain getting the Olympics again!

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## BARRY'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE

FOLLOWING their exciting game against a strong Cardiff RFC, Barry Rugby Club play the second of their 125th anniversary games when they entertain Cardiff and District at the Reservoir Field on Wednesday, August 22, kick-off at 6.30pm when a keen encounter is expected.

For those regulars at the club, it will be an opportunity to see the first stage of the revamped main club room.

Work is steadily progressing on the new lounge bar which will contain the club's 'Wall of Memories'.

The first orders for bricks have been forwarded to the engravers, but supporters can still join by emailing andy-jam68@yahoo.co.uk to receive details.

The club has more than 170 bricks on order, but the original target was 200, so space is still available.

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Conservation Area:/  
Ardal Gadwraeth: Llyswnrey

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Proposal/Cynnyg: New opening formed in existing boundary wall (approx.4m) to create new vehicular and pedestrian access from public highway.  
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Conservation Area:/  
Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

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Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2012/00812/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Retrospective application for the installation of 3 elements of roof mounted kitchen supply & extract duct-work  
Location:/Leoliad: The Market Place Restaurant, 66, High Street, Cowbridge  
Listed Building:/  
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Application No./  
Rhif y cais: 2012/00842/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Alterations and new second floor observatory extension to pavilion to include new roofs, new internal layout, building access improvements with new side entrances, lowering ground floor, new first floor gallery and new lift  
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Adeilad Rhedredig: Grade II

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Rhif y cais: 2012/00823/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnyg: Proposed resubmission of previously approved 11/00489/FUL of a 4 bed detached dwelling with detached double garage to side due to minor amendments to the elevations and materials used  
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Proposal/Cynnyg: Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site for residential purposes  
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M. Goldsworthy, Operational Manager Development & Building Control, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry, CF63 4RT

# Community spirit to the fore at Barry Town on great fundraising day

THE independent and non-profit making Barry Town supporters' committee rolled back the years last week, welcoming a crowd of around 2,000 people to Jenner Park for a wonderful celebration of football in the town.

Their fundraising game, between Barry Town and a Cardiff City XI, marked the biggest gathering for a football match in Barry since the Dragons famously slayed the giants of FC Porto in August 2001.

After a decade of dwindling fortunes, few expected to see such scenes again; and yet in this, the 100th anniversary year of Barry Town's formation, it was more than fitting to see a near-capacity crowd for this spirited encounter between Gavin Chesterfield's side and their famous neighbours.

With Jenner Park itself nearing its century, a series of community action days saw supporters of various ages help paint, sweep and scrub the place into shape.

As the Vale Council set to work on the stands and field of play, local painters Wardles refurbished the dugouts, fans purchased new corner flags and broadcasters BRO Radio turned up to assist with the tannoy.

The 'make do and mend' community spirit carried through to the day of the match, where volunteers worked to ensure that BTSC's e-ticket entry system ran smoothly, and council workers manned a makeshift fundraising car park.

With refreshment stalls and merchandise vendors returning to the ground for the first time in years, the BTSC's proudly traditional programme sold out well before kick-off - while younger supporters turned the gantry awash with colour, covering it in a cavalcade of flags.

Youth was a theme of the evening, with the new Vale Girls FC entertaining the crowd with their skills at half-time, and a parade of eager mascots turning out in their 'Keep Calm and Barry On' t-shirts.

However, it was with a nod to the past that Chesterfield's team chose to play in the traditional, green 'Linnets' colours, as worn by their predecessors for some 80 years.

While the Cardiff side bore an experimental look, Malky Mackay's promise of a strong side was honoured - with a wealth of upcoming and

established international talent on show.

The Bluebirds, in what might prove their final match on Welsh soil in those colours, gave a start to 6ft 5ins Belgian goalkeeper Guillaume Hubert, formerly of Standard Liege.

Second generation star Theo Wharton, a Cardiff debutant at West Bromwich Albion in last season's FA Cup, also played the full 90 minutes.

Pride of show for the visitors, however, were the accomplished duo of Israeli international Dekel Keinan and Wales' international Darcy Blake.

#### CHALLENGE

It was Cardiff captain Blake who caused the first commotion of note, shortly after exchanging pennants with his Barry counterpart Dan Clare. Whipping in a cross from the right, Blake's teasing ball met the head of Frenchman Kevin Sainte-Luce; only to be gathered up easily by Barry goalkeeper Brendan Cropley.

Cropley, deputising for the long-serving Dan Bradley, would have an eventful night - yet his own credentials, as understudy for Bryan Gunn at Norwich City among others, meant he was more than up to the challenge.

After exchanging a neat one-two with Wales' under-19 cap Tommy O'Sullivan, the explosive Sainte-Luce would outfox Barry's own international Atif Bashir between goal and corner flag - only for his deftly-guided shot to float agonisingly past Cropley's far post.

The industrious Nickie Jones of Barry tried to turn things around, but gave the ball away on the halfway line, to be picked up by Cardiff's promising forward Jesse Darko.

Darko's long and mazy run was then interrupted by Town captain Clare, who put the ball out of play for a corner around the ten-minute mark.

Unfortunately for Barry, this would lead to the opener - O'Sullivan's corner was met at the backpost by Keinan, and his downward header was enough to beat Cropley.

Undeterred, Barry kept playing football. On 17 minutes, the sprightly James Saddler collected the ball and began a run of his own, threading it through to constant threat Josh Bell - only for Cardiff to clear.

The ball then dropped to Pakistan regular Bashir 25 yards out, who smartly teed up and unleashed a tremendous

goalbound strike towards the top left-hand corner, spectacularly saved by goalkeeper Hubert.

Cardiff threatened on the flanks, and almost delighted their supporters with a spectacular second. Triallist Omar Lawson delivered the cross, setting up Sainte-Luce, who leaped into the air and delivered an acrobatic scissors kick.

Unfortunately for the Bluebirds, the Frenchman missed the target, but his effort drew applause from a Cardiff following, largely drowned out by the vocal and enthusiastic Barry Town fanbase.

Switching the attack from right wing to left, Keinan tested Cropley with a curling effort that was clawed out, before ricocheting off the crossbar to safety. Clare's eventual clearance was intercepted by Blake, but the Welsh star's low shot barely tested Cropley.

On a counter attack, Cardiff centre-back Ben Nugent was outmuscled by TJ Nagi in the centre of the pitch, gifting Barry a man advantage approaching the penalty area. Nagi set-up hotshot Christian Doidge, but the ball did not run kindly and pressure from a backtracking Keinan was enough to distract the Town forward, who shot wide.

At the end, the classy Keinan should have doubled his goal tally with a header from O'Sullivan's cross, while former Newport County man Nathaniel Jarvis' header skimmed off Cropley's post moments later. Barry were quick to clear and headed in for the interval just a goal behind.

#### STARLET

In the end, the result was settled in Cardiff's favour by a key substitution.

Former Wales' youth starlet Declan John, who replaced Oshilaj, chased a lost cause to the corner and pulled back a cross to Darko - whose point-blank effort was superbly stopped by Cropley.

Unfortunately, the clearance from promising full-back Lee Baldock was knocked back into the danger zone, and Sainte-Luce smashed home at an exposed Cropley's near post.

While Robert Eamshaw had not made the short trip to Barry, Sainte-Luce was quick to indulge the crowd with some acrobatic celebrations of his own, and cartwheeled into a backflip as the Barry players despaired.

Ten minutes into the

second half, Darcy Blake tried to etch his name on the scoresheet, attempting to catch Cropley out from distance, but his effort flew wide. Blake's made way for ex-Manchester City youngster Conor Morrissey shortly afterwards.

Trying to give the lively home fans something extra to cheer, a quickly-taken free-kick by Barry's Nickie Jones gave Josh Bell the space and time to jig around two Bluebirds' defenders - but his shot from distance was well held by the solid and towering Hubert. Dan Clare's header 10 minutes later would be similarly thwarted.

Cardiff meanwhile almost had the ball in the net for a third time when the big man Nugent fouled Cropley from a corner - an infringement quickly spotted by the excellent referee Richard Harrington.

Barry almost found themselves back in it, when Jones intercepted a pass and put Doidge clean through on goal. However, nerves seemed to impede the prolific marksman, and Hubert closed him down just enough to make the save.

As the game neared its close, veteran Damon Searle, on as a substitute for Barry against his former club, went agonisingly close to scoring what would have been a hugely popular header - the ex-Bluebird and current Town assistant coach meeting the apex of a perfect in-swinging corner.

However, Barry would not be denied their moment in the sun, and when it came it proved to be the most skilful and well-worked goal of the night.

A long ball over the top from the skilful Baldock saw Doidge impeded by Nugent, giving Barry a free-kick some 25 yards from goal. What followed was a perfect training ground manoeuvre.

Town substitute Dale Howarth ran over the ball, causing the distraction. Nickie Jones rolled it backwards with the

base of his foot, into the path of Josh Bell, who fired a precise and powerful effort through the mass of green players, into the bottom left hand corner.

The final stages saw the Town press for a coveted equaliser; their eleven, now featuring the returning Geraint Goodridge and debutant Paul Morgan, pressed for an elusive second. Sadly, it was not to be.

However, the Barry Town supporters committee will be delighted with the success of the evening; the turnout, their players' heart and endeavour, the community's rousing support and the well-wishes of the many new friends made.

The BTSC would like to thank Cardiff City FC, the Vale Council, team sponsors LDS Motor Factors and RIM Motors and all the many individuals who played their own part in helping stage this event.

For the latest Barry Town supporters committee news and information, to sponsor a match or to help in any way, visit the website at [www.clubwebsite.co.uk/BarryTownSC](http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/BarryTownSC)

For highlights from the match and behind-the-scenes footage, visit [www.YouTube.com/BarryTownSupporters](http://www.YouTube.com/BarryTownSupporters)

Barry Town: Brendan Cropley, Geraint Frowen (Damon Searle, 76), Lee Baldock, Ryan Evans, Dan Clare (Paul Morgan, 76), Atif Bashir (Mike Hartley, 70), James Saddler (Geraint Goodridge, 83), Josh Bell, TJ Nagi (Dale Howarth, 70), Christian Doidge, Nickie Jones. Subs not used: Richard Johnson, Ryan Smith.

Cardiff City: Guillaume Hubert, Darcy Blake (Connor Morrissey, 64), Dekel Keinan, Ben Nugent, Adeje Oshilaj (Declan John, 46), Kevin Sainte-Luce, Theo Wharton, Tommy O'Sullivan (Brad Williams, 76), Nathaniel Jarvis, Omar Lawson, Jesse Darko (Gethin Hill, 64). Subs not used: David Richards.

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## Table tennis club to open following its summer break

THE Vale of Glamorgan Table Tennis Academy will re-open after a summer break on Wednesday, September 5, at Cwm Talwg Community Hall (from 6pm-9pm).

A spokesman said: "Hopefully, we will be able to build on last year's successful season in the Cardiff and District League, playing home matches on Tuesday evenings. New players will be welcome."



# VOICES IN VICTORIA PARK BRING OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT TO THE VALE PUBLIC

## PHOTOGRAPHS by LAUREN ALLEN

VICTORIA PARK in Barry is creating an enviable reputation for providing top quality musical entertainment.

In 'Voices in the Park' recently, top West End star Peter Karrie, who played the Phantom of the Opera, was the headline act.

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## Sky's the limit for light aircraft?

**I**N this day and age, when long-established traditions like celebrating Christmas by decorating streets and observing Remembrance Day are

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Fairoaks	13	Silver	04/07/11
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The assessment of room need would be one bedroom, so a 25% deduction from their Housing Benefit would apply.

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The assessment of room need would be two bedrooms, so there would be a 14% deduction from their Housing Benefit

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# Owzat! Chris not stumped for something to do in the hols!

A PUPIL from St Clare's School, Porthcawl, who plays cricket for Wales, has been putting his summer holidays to good use.

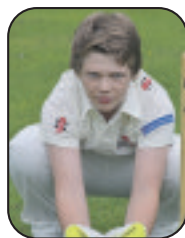
Chris Matthews (12), a Welsh international of three years, is encouraging children to have at least one hour of activity per day before going back to school, and is leading by example.

Since first picking up a cricket bat at the age of six, it was clear that Chris had a natural talent when he went straight into local club Tondur under-10 side.

Since then he has taken every opportunity to hone his skills, and now trains or plays with three cricket clubs every week of the summer holidays: Wales under-12; Mid Glamorgan under-12 and Tondur under-12; under-14, under-16 and the Seniors Seconds – where the oldest player is 61!

The wicket keeper and batsman will next month be beginning his second year at St Clare's senior school in Porthcawl after having already been in the junior school for four years.

St Clare's is an independent day school for children aged between



LEFT: Young international Chris Matthews.

In addition to playing cricket, Chris plays football at St Clare's, rugby for Bridgend Athletic Under 13 and fits in fishing with Ogmere Angling Club when he can.

Chris' dad, Tony, who coaches Tondur under-12 and under-14 teams, said: "Chris has worked very hard to get where he is now in cricket. His success is a combination between personal hard graft and the support he receives from the family and coaches, not to mention the sports master at St Clare's, Steve Martin, who encourages all students to get active whatever their level."

John Aguilar, head of St Clare's School, said: "The pupils and staff at St Clare's are extremely proud of Chris' achievements in cricket, and how he is using his position to inspire others to get active this summer. We hope other local children take his lead and exercise a little each day, just as we encourage our own pupils to do. We look forward to catching up with him in September."

Headed by leading educationalist, Sir Chris Woodhead, Cognita Schools is run by education experts with specialist expertise in all areas of K-12 provision.

two and 18 years of age, and part of the largest group of independent schools in the UK, Cognita Schools. Chris, whose highlights of 2012 so far include top scores of 94 not out for Mid Glamorgan and 55 not out for Wales, said: "For me, sport is a really important part of being at St Clare's, and when it comes to the holidays it's no different. With the summer of sport on TV it can be tempting for children to spend hours on the sofa, but even doing a little activity every day will help keep you healthy and make it less of a shock when term starts in September."

This month he is representing Wales in the under-12 cricket tournament at Taunton Cricket Festival at King's College, Taunton, Somerset. In 2011, Chris' Welsh squad came second overall in the prestigious festival, where teams from the UK and abroad battle it out for the shield during the five days of competition.

# FIAT RETAINS ITS ICONIC HERITAGE

by TIM SAUNDERS

THERE are three affordable iconic cars that are still being manufactured today.

The VW Beetle, which was first launched in 1938, the Mini, which came 21 years later and the Fiat 500, introduced two years earlier.

Like its siblings, the modern day Fiat 500 is an iconic little number that harks back to its ancestor, which went out of service in 1975. Launched in 2008 the second generation model pleasingly stays true to the original and there is an inviting 'retro feel' throughout as you can see by watching the video at [testdrives.biz](http://testdrives.biz).

The speedometer is very similar as are the door handles. There is a successful marriage of classic design with modern technology that includes air conditioning, electric windows and wing mirrors together with a useful engine start/stop function.

Sometimes traffic queues can be an irritatingly long crawl and cars fitted with start/stop end up using more fuel, in my experience, and so it is helpful to be able to turn this function off, if required.

The original Fiat 500 was fitted with a tidily little 479cc engine in the

The Fiat 500



rear but today's model has a more capable front mounted 1.2-litre turning 55mpg. The 35 litre fuel tank does mean more refuelling over long journeys.

Without a doubt a city car, its diminutive size makes it simple to park in tight spaces and the five-speed gearbox is precise and enjoyable to use. On longer motorway journeys it does suffer from buffeting in strong winds and prefers the straight to hills, struggling in parts and requiring at least one gear change if not two.

Overall though, it's an enjoyable driver's car with supportive and comfy chequered seats, which give a sporty feel. A stitched cream leather steering wheel and leather topped gearstick compliment the exterior finish of the test car. The panoramic glass roof with sunblind is a nice feature.

Parkers, the car experts, say: "This one

although is built to modern standards, and is very safe. Easy to drive and available with a host of customisation options, the little Fiat is a stylish small car with plenty of character."

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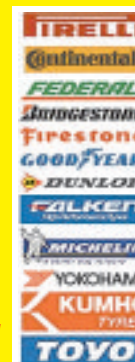
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## Murch pupils impress in road safety quiz final



ABOVE: Murch Junior School pupils Jamie Locke-Jones, Katie Jackson, Kate Brown and Hannah Lewis are presented with their runner-up trophies by Nicola Brimble, Road Safety Officer, South Wales Police, and Inspector Jason Stroud, from the Roads Policing Unit.

A TEAM of pupils from Murch Junior School in Dinas

Powys, went head to head with other youngsters to compete in the South Wales Road Safety Quiz Final 2012 at the Police HQ in Bridgend.

The knowledgeable foursome from Murch Junior School, Jamie Locke-Jones, Katie Jackson, Kate Brown and Hannah Lewis, triumphed in the county final and were named Vale champions, winning the

chance to go on and represent the area in the south Wales final.

The brainy bunch from Dinas Powys didn't disappoint, answering eight rounds of questions covering a broad range of road safety topics including road signs, cycle safety, pedestrian awareness and observation, and questions testing their knowledge of the Highway Code.

The scores were neck-and-neck throughout the eight quick-fire rounds, with the final results being to a hushed

audience of pupils, teachers, road safety officers and police.

The Vale team missed out on first place by the narrowest of margins – just one point – losing to Rhondda Cynon-Taff who were named the winners with 78 followed by the Vale team from Murch Junior School, who racked up an impressive score of 77 points.

Third place went to Bridgend, followed by Swansea in fourth, and fifth place went to the team from Neath-Port Talbot.

The team was congratulated by Mr

Derek Thomas, head teacher of Murch Junior School and John Rogers, road safety officer at the Vale Council and quiz organiser who paid tribute to the Murch team:

"They did so well and were so unlucky to be pipped at the post by one point!"

"Their performance and attitude was a credit to the pupils, their teachers and their school – I for one was very proud of them."

## Penblwydd Hapus i VCVS!



Cutting the VCVS celebration cake.

## Marie Curie 'thank you' to swimmers

MARIE CURIE thrilled with how much money has been raised for Marie Curie nurses, who provide free nursing care to terminally ill people in their own homes.

Duncan Goodhew MBE, Olympic gold medallist and Swimathon president, commented:

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"We are delighted that so many people took part this year and exception."

## Noisy, but who listens?

ISYMPATHISE with your correspondent who complained about the noise on the Waterfront recently, but I fear it is a lost cause; we've endured piped music everywhere for decades now.

Not everyone has the same taste in music, but this noise pollution is indiscriminate and inconsiderate.

Complaints I have made in the past have fallen on deaf ears, which isn't surprising. Tony Robinson, Barry

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt wished VCVS (Vale Centre for Voluntary Services) a very happy 15th birthday at an event held at the National Eisteddfod in Llandow last week.

VCVS chief Rachel Connor opened the event, recording the extensive work undertaken by VCVS to support the voluntary sector in the Vale over the past 15 years.

Christian Bullen came along with his team of 'Superstars' who sang to passers-by as well as those who joined the celebrations.

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# GEM sport

## Away trip sees the Centurions slip up against leaders

The trip to Mumbles for this vital league encounter proved costly for Sully Centurions' 1st XI as an 8 wicket defeat left them in third place, behind the home club and table topping Ammanford.

Batting first, Sully looked comfortable as Mike O'Shea (68) and Ryan Sylvester (63) put on 123 for the first wicket before Mike was lbw to Evans.

This triggered a bit of a collapse as 4 wickets fell for just 25 runs.

Then a stand of 35 between Dan Rowe (18) and Adam Shantry (16) took the score along to 182 for 6. But apart from Tom Evison's 15 not out, no other batsman reached double figures and the total of 218 for 9 always looked too low.

In reply Evans and Brown's opening partnership of 66 gave the Mumbles' innings some stability, before Evans was caught by Evison off the bowling of Ryan Sylvester for 26.

However, this brought in Lewis Williams, who added 90 with Brown before Tom

Evison had him trapped lbw for 45. Brown went on to score an unbeaten 107 and, with Thomas not out for 26 at the end, the target was reached in the 48th over with no further wickets.

Mumbles 219/2 Sully 218/9.

### 20/20 DEFEAT

After losing on Saturday, Centurions' 1st XI's weekend of woe was compounded when they were knocked out of the ECB T20 Area Finals at Usk by Bristol CC.

Bristol batted first and were restricted to 123 for 8 off their 20 overs, with Khan (34) top scoring. Only three other players got into double figures.

Sully's bowlers were accurate, with two wickets for Richard Ready; Dan Rowe and Tom Evison. Dave Eskins and Jamie Sylvester picked up one wicket each.

The Sully innings got off to a decent start, but the wicket of Ryan Sylvester for 11, followed by Jamie Sylvester (12) Charlie Lowen (11) and Adam Shantry (1) left Centurions playing catch up.

Gareth Davies top scored with 16 not out as wickets tumbled around him. The innings came

to a close in the 19th over with only 71 runs on the board, with Bristol winning by 51 runs.

Bristol went on to win the final against Plymouth CC and now represent the south west area in the regional finals next week.

Bristol 123/8 Sully 71 all out

### CENTURIONS WIN AGAINST THE ODDS

The Second XI hosted Mumbles Seconds and came back from the dead to register an impressive win.

Batting first, Centurions lost 5 wickets before 20 runs were on the board. But a gutsy stand of 70 for the 6th wicket between the returning Owain Lovering and Dave Eskins put Centurions back on track before Eskins was caught for 26.

Lovering put on another 28 with Tom Edwards before departing for a well made 43. Tom went on to remain unbeaten on 33 in a total of 164 all out.

The Mumbles' response was doing fine until two quick wickets for Callow and Edwards left them on 26 for 2.

However, a half century partnership between Rosser (21) and Phillips (27) helped the cause considerably.

But, as so often happens, when one partner goes, the other follows soon afterwards, and both fell with the score on 78. With only Brown (27) showing any real resistance, the Mumbles innings began to unravel.

Three wickets for Ben Callow and two for Lloyd Bruce and

Matthew Thomas, with accurate bowling from Terry Williams, Tom Edwards and Dave Eskins secured the victory as the visitors were dismissed for 136 in the 46th over.

Sully 164 all out Mumbles 136 all out.

### GREAT WIN FOR 3RD XI

The Third XI coasted to victory over Whitchurch at Wenvove to keep the pressure on at the top of the table.

The visitors batted first and began losing wickets from the first over, with Bennett (4 for 13) and Griffith (3 for 3) doing most of the damage. Pavel chipped in with two as Whitchurch crashed to 48 all out in just 18 overs.

Sully wasted no time in knocking off the runs, with Dan Thacker (17 not out) top scoring. The target was reached in the 9th over for the loss of two wickets.

Sully 49/2 Whitchurch 48 all out.

Whitchurch Heath 51 all out Sully 88 all out.

MF

## Title joy for petanque pair

SOME 16 doubles teams from south east Wales, Herefordshire, Gloucestershire, Bath and Bristol came together to compete for the annual Brecon Pairs title, held on August 5 at Brecon RFC Pétanque Club.

The final of the Brecon Pairs was contested by Karen McCleod and Bob Pugh from Wenvove Pétanque Club and Graham Attfield and Tony Smith from The Barn Pétanque Club and the Monkstone Pétanque Club, respectively.

After a tight game where both sides took the lead and had the opportunity of taking the title, the team of Karen McCleod and Bob Pugh finally won 13-9 to become this year's Brecon Pairs champions.

If you would like to find out more about the sport, visit: [www.welshpetanque.org.uk](http://www.welshpetanque.org.uk).

JS

## Sea View lads catch hounds and dogfish

THE Seaview Lads had a top days fishing on their recent annual coach trip which this year was fished at

Manorbeir.

Lots of Pollack, mackerel, dogs, pout and wrasse ensured that everyone had a good day and for once the weather was onside.

The boat boys have also enjoyed some good sport and the last trip out on the Benjoma saw Roy

Bailey take his team into first overall spot, narrowly beating Mickey by just 8 ounces!

Roy's partner Jody was not on the trip so had to be carried by Roy alone - quite a feat!

Local shore fishing has been mixed with rays and hounds still showing but weights have been sporadic.

Richard Lougher landed 37lb of hounds in a recent evening competition while the rest of the competition landed

nought and a few days later Kevin Gardner's small ray beat a lone dogfish caught by Lee Thompson, the only specimens being weighed in.

The 'Golden Maggot' is planned for the weekend of August 17/18 and if nothing else we should see some interesting tactics used with anglers vying to land the most different species in one match.

JC

## Points are shared in season opener

THIS league opener was a rather lacklustre affair with Dinas guilty of giving away too many free kicks throughout the game and their visitors managing to keep the ball better at times.

Garden Village got the first shot in, Ashley Richards firing on target but Damien Lack made a good save and, at the other end, after a good spell of pressure the hard working James Williams tested Matthew Martin but he was able to save comfortably.

The play was end to end with very few scoring chances until just before the break the visitors opened the scoring with a powerful shot from 16 yards by Kurtis Morgan which took a deflection off a defender into the net giving Damien Lack no chance.

Dinas made an early change in the second half with Richard Yarr replacing Nicky Bruce at right back and they began pressing better.

Half way through the half came the highlight of the game, as far as the hosts were concerned, was when Steffan Davies was chopped down just outside the box and stepped Liam Jeremy with one of his trademark

DINAS POWYS 1  
GARDEN VILLAGE 1

free kicks, curling the ball round the wall and into the net for the equaliser, a feat he performed many times last season.

Joe Briscoe then replaced player manager Mark Dunford up front and Dinas stepped up the pressure looking for the winner.

It nearly came when Jeremy made progress down the left and fired in a low shot from an acute angle which hit the far post and was cleared.

Robbie Fowler then replaced James Williams

who had given his all.

Village looked to have a good chance when Sam Miles was played in but his shot was well over the bar. And the half petered out without any further clear cut chances, on reflection a fair result.

Dinas entertain Caldicot Town this Saturday with a 2.30pm kick off.

Further details and information can be found on the club website at [www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk](http://www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk)

PK

## Barrivale Bridge results

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are for August 7:

1st Huw Thomas & Jane Brook 58.85 per cent; = 2nd Mick Green & Vivien Liles and Sean Macdougall & Dave Reed 55.36.

The annual competition for Claret Jug and Doughty Bowl was held too.

The winners of the Claret Jug and its cash prize of £20, were the scratch winners Huw

Thomas and Jane Brook.

The Doughty Bowl, presented by Joyce and Morfa Doughty founder members of the Barrivale club, was won by Sean Macdougall and Dave Reed, handicap winners.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. If you would like to join telephone 01446 733425 or 01446 418380 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Mike Bond

## Cardiff edge Barry in anniversary game

CARDIFF RFC have an array of talent at their disposal and it was all brought to the Reservoir Field as they were able to field almost two complete teams - one for each half!

With black clouds scudding up the channel, it was always going to be a lottery with the weather; even Ken Chow's barbecue needed regular baling out!

Barry began the first half playing up the slope during heavy regular downpours. Their illustrious opponents did not overawe them, but they soon found themselves seven points behind from a smartly taken try near the posts.

Following good forward pressure Barry cut the deficit with a penalty after fifteen minutes.

The home back row was giving Cardiff plenty of problems at the breakdown. Good ball retention allowed the home side to set up camp

BARRY RFC 16  
CARDIFF RFC 19

on the visitors' line and they had just reward when Evans crossed near the corner flag.

During the first half, Cardiff were able to secure the ball at most lineouts by their much bulkier and taller locks. However, the home side's first up tackling was proving formidable enough to meet this threat. With another hard-earned penalty, Barry went into half-time leading by six points.

The second half commenced with an almost fresh visiting XV being greeted with the hardest rainstorm of the day. With a good pick and drive the Cardiff team managed to control the ball and splash over for a good try wide out. The angle and distance were too great for the conversion to be successful.

The visitors took the lead after twenty minutes with a swallow dive through the 'pools', which was well within

kicking range. Barry closed the gap with a long-range penalty to set up an exciting finish and they had the opportunity at the death to win the game via a penalty, but it was not to be.

This was a commendable effort against a side with far greater resources and bodes well for a successful campaign next season.

Every player performed heroically but more importantly, each did so for the team. They will have benefited from the officiating of a first class referee and touch judges.

Barry: Ryan, Hardy, Provis, Dix, Chucas, Alex Evans, Adams, Lee, Thorne, Gallivan, Joel Williams, D. Williams, Bustil, Richie O'Sullivan, Rhys O'Sullivan, Alun Evans, Hollister, Hunt, Deguara, Westall, Tanner, King, Jones, © Parker, Hadfield, L.O'Sullivan.

Fixture lists for the forthcoming season will be available shortly.

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